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'Back to basics' policy rethink

Major turns spotlight off family values

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

■ The prime minister will concentrate on education and crime when he addresses the Lord Mayor's banquet tonight. There will be no reference to single mothers

JOHN Major will relaunch his faltering "back to basics" initiative tonight by distancing himself from calls to curb welfare payments to single mothers.

Amid signs that senior ministers are becoming alarmed that the prime minister's social agenda is in danger of being bogged down in a political quagmire, Mr Major will turn the spotlight to his policies on education and law and order. He will make no reference to "family values" as he outlines his thinking and his path to greater prosperity in a speech at the Lord Mayor's banquet.

Mr Major will shift the debate to less sensitive territory by saying that a return to traditional education can create the kind of skilled, self-reliant and enterprising workforce that can make Britain more competitive. He will expand his theme into the economic sphere by claiming free trade, sound money and a competitive economy as fundamental Tory values.

Mr Major's speech will come against the background of growing unease in his party at the way the "back to basics" initiative — launched at the Tory conference — has become identified with a crackdown on lone parents. Sir Edward Heath, the former prime minister, denounced the initiative yesterday as an attempt to recreate the sexual morality of a past age. John Patten, the education secretary, admitted that it could prove unpopular in the short term and that it was politically tricky, given that some MPs were "not the best advertisements for family values".

On the BBC's *Breakfast with Frost* Sir Edward was scathing, saying that an assault on lone parents would backfire. "It's now produced a great deal of compasssion for single mothers and many of them need it. Any idea that single mothers all set out to get social security benefits by having as many babies as they can and having no husbands is really so removed from reality it could only have been put forward by dogmatists who have no understanding of humanity."

An opinion poll yesterday for *The Sunday Times* gave some support to Sir Edward's view, with two in three people opposed to cuts in benefits to single mothers. The NOP survey found that 36 per cent wanted more help for lone parents, 29 per cent were satisfied with existing levels of assistance and 29 per cent wanted benefits reduced.

But the survey also gave some comfort to ministers such as John Redwood, Peter Lilley, Michael Howard and Michael Portillo who have propelled arguments about the social and financial costs of family breakdown up the political agenda. About two in three said that children needed a mother-figure and a father-figure at home if they were to grow up well-adjusted.

The indications last night were that Mr Major is paying more heed to Douglas Hurd and Kenneth Clarke, both of whom have strong doubts about the government's ability to influence the moral climate. Senior Downing Street officials reinforced that impression, saying that Mr Major was concentrating on education and crime.

The officials reiterated the message from Sarah Hogg, the head of the Downing Street policy unit, that Mr Major was not seeking a return to 1950s morality. Cuts in benefits to lone parents were said not to be on the agenda before the next election.

Other ministers said that it had been right to start a debate over family breakdown but they had been horrified by the leaked cabinet office paper proposing benefit cuts. "We threw up our hands at its mixture of the draconian and the bizarre," one minister said.

Mr Patten, a Roman Catholic, who has written of the reality of evil and the devil, said that it was right for governments to talk about values and moral issues but he understood why people found it hard to listen to some politicians talking about the subject.

"Politicians have got to be pretty careful in talking about family values and morality because we are a broad church in the House of Commons — 650 members and you know some of my colleagues and others get involved in ... in problems which might make them not, perhaps, the best mouthpieces for, or advertisements for, moral values and family values," he said on BBC television. "I can understand why people point the finger and say that politicians should not be saying that kind of thing."

Mr Patten also said that the "back to basics" policy was not necessarily a short-term vote-puller and could be unpopular. "You cannot legislate to make people good or to make married couples stay together. But we do have an interest, since we foot the bill and we also have a duty to talk about the fabric of society. We would be an awful mechanistic lot if all we did was talk about money."

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Sir Edward: "attack on lone mothers would fail"



ALAN LEWIS

The Princess of Wales watching members of the security forces taking part in the Remembrance Sunday parade at Enniskillen yesterday

Social changes 'bring underclass in education'

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

BRITAIN is developing an "underclass" with an anti-education ethos, the Independent National Commission on Education will report today, in a judgment that contradicts government claims that good teaching can overcome social handicaps.

John Patten, the education secretary, said yesterday that schools in deprived areas could achieve the same results as those in middle-class neighbourhoods, given the right leadership. Interviewed on Radio 4, he acknowledged the difficulties facing schools in areas of high unemployment and social deprivation, but added: "I think you can liberate people from circumstances, poor backgrounds and poverty by having high expectations of them."

The National Commission, however, fears that social changes, such as the decline of the family unit, pose a fundamental threat to the government's drive to raise educational standards. In an interview with *The Times*, Lord Walton of Detchant, the chairman, said: "Particularly in the inner cities, we think there is a situation in which we are getting an underclass and in which there is an anti-education ethos. It will not be easy to overcome."

The commission's verdict will bring it closer to a clash with Mr Patten, who has already rejected two of its key recommendations. He said yesterday that the country could not afford to provide nursery education from the age of three, and he has already dismissed proposals to replace A-levels with a single diploma incorporating vocational qualifications.

The 13 commissioners, who began taking evidence more than two years ago, make a series of recommendations, including a requirement for workers to continue training between the ages of 16 and 19 and introduction of a lower "training wage" on the successful German model.

The commissioners have detected an improvement in standards since Sir Claus Moser, as president of the

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Visit by the Princess of Wales takes Enniskillen by surprise

BY NICHOLAS WATT AND JOE JOSEPH

THE Princess of Wales, missing from the line-up at yesterday's traditional Remembrance ceremony in London, made an unexpected trip to join soldiers and war veterans in Enniskillen in Northern Ireland, six years after visiting the town to comfort victims of the 1987 IRA Remembrance Day bomb attack.

Amid tight security the princess flew to Enniskillen by helicopter. Local people knew that a VIP was due to attend the ceremony but did not know it was the princess until a fleet of cars drew up at the town's cenotaph.

The princess laid the first wreath at the memorial. Rebuilt after the bombing, the war memorial is decorated with 11 doves in honour of the 11 killed by the blast. She was followed at the cenotaph by Lord Arran, the Northern Ireland minister, and by bereaved relatives. Gordon Wilson, who was made a senator for his role in fostering reconciliation in Enniskillen after his daughter, Marie, died in his arms following the bomb, laid a wreath on behalf of his family.

Catherine Ross, 18, who was comforted by the princess in 1987 as she recovered in hospital after being dragged from the bomb's rubble, was pleased Enniskillen had not been forgotten. "It was

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German protests

Left-wing protesters jeered Chancellor Kohl in Berlin at a war memorial in a ceremony boycotted by Jews. More than 200 right-wing extremists were arrested trying to join a rally to the memory of Waffen SS and Wehrmacht troops..... Page 10

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Pier cut in half in storms

BY JENNY KNIGHT

THE Victorian pier at Cromer, Norfolk, was broken in two last night after being hit by a crane platform that broke free from its moorings in high winds which caused damage and disruption in much of eastern England.

The Pavilion Theatre and the lifeboat station at the end of the pier were cut off when a 75ft gap was torn in the wood and iron structure, built around 1901. No one was hurt.

Severe weather warnings were issued as storm-force winds with gusts up to 75mph caused flooding and brought down trees and telephone and power lines. A woman was killed when her car was crushed by a falling tree as she was driving near Stetchworth, Cambridgeshire. Several villages in Humberside were flooded, including Goxhill. Humberston and Ashby cum Fenby. Cayton, near Scarborough, was flooded to the depth of one foot.

Six children were rescued after falling into rain-swollen rivers. Nathan Stanton, 12, clung for 30 minutes to a ladder fastened to the walls of a culvert in Team valley, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, after being swept away. He and two friends were treated for shock and exposure. Three other boys were rescued after falling into a beck at Seaham, Co Durham, while trying to retrieve a football.

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Patients take over their Bosnian asylum

FROM ANTHONY LOYD
IN BAKOVICI, BOSNIA

PROTECTED only by ten United Nations soldiers, the 360 patients at Bakovici psychiatric hospital have taken over their asylum. A Croatian militia offensive backed by Serb units has forced the staff to flee, joining the hundreds of Muslim civilians from Fojnica near by trudging north to an uncertain safety.

Fojnica became almost a ghost town after three days of heavy shelling last week forced the Bosnian army to order a civilian evacuation. The Croatian militia subsequently advanced to the south and west. A few Muslim soldiers remain in the town, as do a platoon of Canadian and Dutch UN troops.

Bakovici lies half a mile to the south at the bottom of a punchbowl formed by the encircling hills. We reached the asylum at dusk. A brooding, grey four-storey building of postwar communist architecture, it was built for many more than the 360 patients it now homes. A Canadian corporal stepped out of a darkened doorway. "This is no man's land. Our task is to make sure the Croats don't enter the hospital and slaughter those inside. See this?" he asked, pointing to a raw-edged gash in his helmet. "I've been here five days and been hit in the head by shrapnel." Around him patients meandered aimlessly, in the gathering darkness, the freezing mud squelching around their feet. Inside someone laughed: a thrown object crashed against a wall, followed by incoherent shouts. Inside the smell was appalling. The generator had been stolen so the hospital was without light or heating, and the cold was intense.

'There's no hygiene, no drugs ... no hot water. We try to protect them, but they wander off and return with grenades'

Pools of liquid covered the corridor along with clothes and random items of furniture. A legless man lay in a corner by the stairwell, nodding and clasping at our hands as we passed. Another raced by us in a wheelchair clutching a set of rattling keys. Other figures shambled through the corridors or peered fearfully around doorways. There was more disembodied laughter, and from somewhere the tortured chords of a violin.

"The patients control the wards." Corporal Luc Deschamps, a Canadian medic present as part of the UN Protection Force, said. "Psychiatric means a lot of things. We've got everything here from mildly handicapped to

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Hailsham: alarmed at power given to courts

The rule of Napoleon holds sway for Whitehall lawyers

By Michael Dynes
Whitehall Correspondent

LEGAL principles imposed on continental Europe by Napoleon are being extended to Britain almost two centuries after his defeat at the battle of Waterloo. Government lawyers are using continental legal practices to help Parliament draft clearer laws and minimise the threat of massive punitive damages arising from European Community directives incorrectly put into statute.

A technique known as copy-out, in which EC directives are simply grafted on to UK law, is being used in an attempt to bridge the gulf between the British and continental legal systems. Errors by British parliamentary draftsmen mean that the government is already facing a £30 million compensation claim from Spanish trawler owners for loss of earnings after the European Court of Justice struck down the 1988 Merchant Shipping Act in 1991 for discriminating against EC nationals. The case provoked fears of further claims for damages if mistakes were made.

Lord Hailsham, the former Lord Chancellor and constitutional theorist, warned that the copy-out innovation would give the courts an alarming discretion in interpreting the law. However, Graham Mather, president of the European Policy Forum, the cross-party think-tank, said the technique could be an antidote to the excessive complexity of Westminster law-making.

Marriage of the two legal traditions — in which English common law is merged with the Code Napoleon — is seen by government lawyers as the best way of giving proper effect to EC directives while avoiding costly law suits. Under English common law, the government is required to make its intentions as clear as possible. This has given rise to a tradition of precise and exhaustive drafting, leaving the courts no room for doubt.

Britain's elaborative approach is alien to the Continent's "purposive" approach in which the legislator merely states his intention and leaves it to the courts to interpret what he meant.

Because much of the law coming from Brussels is based on the continental approach, UK government lawyers have faced the difficult job of transforming vaguely drafted EC directives into detailed statutes. By simply copying out the text of EC directives, government lawyers hope to avoid the pitfalls of over and under-implementation. Over-implementation puts unnecessary burdens on business, leaving the government open to legal action if loss is suffered. Under-implementation can result in the intervention of the European court of justice for failing to properly implement EC law.

The copy-out technique, is likely to be used only in new legislative areas or where existing legislation is out of date. New directives from Brussels will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Lord Hailsham said that he understood the government's dilemma, but warned that "if mistakes are made interpreting the intention of EC directives, the government could find itself in even bigger trouble".

Mr Mather welcomed the initiative. "Our legislative machine is completely log-jammed," he said. "British legislation has become far too complex."

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Ministers launch crusade to scrap company red tape

By Nicholas Wood, Chief Political Correspondent

A BILL overhauling the 3,500 regulations which govern the activities of British companies is one of the highlights of the Queen's Speech on Thursday.

Some of the regulations, covering everything from tax collection to hygiene and safety, will be drastically streamlined while others will be scrapped. Ministers estimate that the initiative will save companies hundreds of millions of pounds.

Other key elements in the legislative programme for the new session will be another criminal justice bill implementing Michael Howard's tough law and order package, an education bill reforming teacher training and student unions, a police bill, reform of the law on Sunday trading, curbs on invalidity benefit and sick pay, and a bill putting MI6 on a statutory footing.

The programme, of about 15 bills in all, has been devised to rally Conservative MPs after the damaging divisions over Maastricht. John Major hopes it will rebuild party unity and help to restore his authority over his MPs and the country.

The deregulation bill will be piloted through the Commons by Neil Hamilton, the corporate affairs minister, who has also been made minister for the European single market and will be trying to persuade his continental partners to reduce pan-European burdens on business.

It is understood that the bill will be published in January and that it will contain "real meat", specifying many of the regulations that are to be pruned or abolished. A further list of proposed rule changes will be outlined by Easter.

The new measure came under fire at the weekend because of the alleged threat it poses to existing health and safety at work legislation. Labour accused the government of planning to allow managers to overrule safety practices and the GMB general union claimed that ignorant and unscrupulous employers were being given "the freedom to kill".

Yesterday, ministers rejected these charges as mischievous rubbish while making clear that they would not be deterred from their assault on red tape.

One said: "We are not going to scrap safety legislation, but it is right to look at all aspects of it to see if we can achieve the same results but at a lower cost."

The deregulation bill is partly based on the work of seven business task forces that have identified 600 superfluous regulations. Ministers will not finalise consideration of these until Easter. Agriculture, trade and industry, environment and employment are the four departments most affected by the regulatory purge.

Ministers say that the publication of the bill marks only the start of the crusade against red tape.

Labour sets target of 1m back at work in four years

By Alice Thomson

JOHN Prescott yesterday accused the government of deliberately keeping unemployment high and said a Labour government would take at least one million people off the dole queue within four years.

The shadow employment secretary said his final aim was to cut unemployment to 700,000. He refused to explain exactly how the reduction would be achieved, but said "there has to be more public spending".

Speaking on the ITV programme *Walden* yesterday, Mr Prescott said the Tories kept unemployment unnecessarily high "to achieve an attack on the welfare state and to organise its public expenses to be able to get a cut in taxes ready for the next election".

Princess attends Enniskillen ceremony

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nice to see her again," she said.

The princess later laid the final stone on a peace cairn built by children from all denominations. Flanked by youngsters and church leaders, she read from Christ's Sermon on the Mount. The Rev Robert Frost, a Methodist minister who organised the peace cairn, said: "It is about young people and young people discussing hope. Princess Diana was the perfect symbol."

The Prince of Wales, who was 45 yesterday, was in London with the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and 10,000 former servicemen and women. They attended a Remembrance service at the Cenotaph scarred by the irony of how, 75 years after the century's bloodiest conflict, gunfire still rings out in the Bosnian capital Sarajevo, the spot where the first bullet of that war was heard.

By the time Big Ben struck 11am, a crowd of thousands had gathered to observe two minutes of silence. The Queen, dressed in black and wearing a black velvet beret, laid the first wreath, followed by the Duke of Edunburgh. The Prince of Wales added a third. As Beethoven's *Funeral March* swirled around the government offices of Whitehall, John Major, John Smith, the Labour leader, Paddy Ashdown of the Liberal Democrats, and James Molyneaux, leader of the Ulster Unionists, placed their wreaths on the steps of the Cenotaph. Near by stood a trio of former prime ministers: Baroness Thatcher, Lord Callaghan and Sir Edward Heath.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother looked down from a Foreign Office balcony, with the Princess Royal and the Duke of Gloucester by her side. Other members of the royal family occupied a neighbouring perch. And then the march of the 10,000 veterans began, many of them white-haired, most still familiar with the skill of marching in step. The massed bands of the Guards played on. As the marchers added their wreaths of poppies to the Cenotaph steps, a thick blood-red necklace grew around the white Portland stone obelisk, like a wound in the middle of Whitehall that could not be staunched. At noon, the veterans were still marching.

A posse of National Front members, barely 200-strong, later laid a wreath at the Cenotaph, waving the Union flag and singing *Rule Britannia* as onlookers denounced them as "scum" and "fascists".

☐ **Medals stolen:** A former sergeant in the Royal Artillery was robbed of his second world war medals in London on Saturday evening as he celebrated his 70th birthday (Adam Fresco writes). Cyril Cook, of Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire, lost a Burma Star Medal, a Victory Medal and an Air Defence of Great Britain medal. Despite the theft, he went to a Remembrance Sunday parade.



Kenneth Unsworth, left, and Louis Chappell, right, former HMS *Belfast* crewmen, meet Helmut Boekhoff from the battle cruiser *Scharnhorst* for a reconciliation service aboard the *Belfast* in London 50 years after it helped to sink the *Scharnhorst* off Norway. Only 36 of the German crew of almost 2,000 survived

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UK firms favour single currency

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

BRITISH business wants a single European currency, in spite of the government's opposition to the move.

While leaders of the CBI yesterday moved to defuse the row with the government over Europe, the CBI at the same time published survey findings showing an overwhelming majority of British companies still in favour of the long-term objective of a single currency throughout Europe.

John Major regarded his negotiation of a British opt-out from the European Community's timetable for a single currency to be the UK's crowning achievement of the Maastricht treaty, but the survey of CBI members backed up the concerns about the government's anti-Europeanism voiced by Howard Davies, CBI director-general.

Conservative rightwingers sharply attacked Mr Davies after he said that business was anxious about the prospect of "a single currency on the other side of the Channel and Ukrainian coupons over here", but Mr Davies said yesterday that the findings of the CBI's new survey of business leaders supported his view.

The survey of 174 business leaders showed that eight out of ten executives support the idea of a single European currency in the long term as either helpful to British business or necessary for the EC single market. Only 8 per cent saw it as positively damaging.

In spite of the government's unease about moves towards a single currency, the CBI's survey showed that 51 per cent of companies believe full economic and monetary union, including a single currency, will be in place by the end of the decade.

As delegates gathered in Harrogate for the opening today of the CBI's annual conference, the organisation's leaders tried to limit the differences between industry and the government over Europe.

Echoing the government's European criticisms, Sir Michael Angus, the CBI president, said: "The Community needs a fundamental rethink of its approach if it wishes to promote industrial competitiveness." But he said the government should now be examining how best the European exchange rate mechanism should be adapted and that EC member states should be "talking rationally" about how to bring economies together over time.

'Underclass' rejects education: report

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British Association for the Advancement of Science, initiated the enquiry with a warning that Britain faced becoming the "least educated of the advanced nations". But they identify a series of improvements they consider necessary for Britain to compete internationally.

Universal access to nursery education would be one of the most far-reaching and expensive. Mr Patten said yesterday he had no plans to change the statutory age limits for education, which already began earlier than elsewhere in Europe.

He was keeping an open mind on other aspects of the report, which he had not seen in detail. He expected the commission to "set down markers" for changes over a timescale of ten to 15 years.

High among such proposals will be the reduction of class sizes in primary schools, as part of a drive to improve literacy and numeracy, which the commission sees as its top priority.

Business and industry would be brought into revamped education authorities, to be renamed education boards. A new diploma would replace A-levels and existing vocational qualifications, and form the basis of new targets for young people in education or at work.

News in Brief

Police pay mother over missing woman

A police force that refused to treat as murder the disappearance of a young woman is to pay £20,000 compensation to her mother, who found the body herself and sued them for negligence (Helen Johnstone writes).

Ann Ming, 45, carried out her own investigation after trying for three months to convince Cleveland police that her daughter had been murdered and was not simply missing. She eventually found the body of Julie Hogg, 23, behind bath panelling at her home in Billingham, Cleveland, 80 days after she vanished. A man was acquitted of murder.

Tories to meet unions

The government is to hold regular talks with the trade unions. The move, signalled by several cabinet ministers led by the Chancellor, marks a greater readiness by the government, and especially by Tory left-wingers who now run the key economic government departments, to examine important issues with non-Conservative outsiders.

3 killed in blaze

An elderly couple and their 13-year-old grandson were killed when fire swept through a home belonging to their daughter in Handsworth, Birmingham. Four other members of the family escaped through a window and were taken to hospital suffering from burns and smoke inhalation. Three were still being detained last night.

Bomber asylum protest

George Foulkes, former Labour defence spokesman, said yesterday that he would complain to the Home Secretary after it was confirmed that Rashid Ghannouchi, 50, had been granted political asylum in the UK. He was convicted, in 1987 of masterminding bomb attacks on four Tunisian hotels which injured 13 people, five of them British.

Major loyalty warning



John Major was warned yesterday against placing too much trust in the loyalty of MPs on the centre-left of the party. Sir George Gardiner, left, a leading rightwinger, said the prime minister's real power base lay with the right. "I wonder whether some of those who are going around with loyalty pinned on their sleeve would turn out to be quite as loyal to John Major if a crunch ever came," he said.

Laura's parents home

The parents of Laura Davies were making arrangements for her funeral after flying home to an emotional reunion with members of their family last night. Les and Fran Davies arrived back in Manchester from America accompanied by their five-year-old daughter's coffin. Laura died after two major transplant operations at Pittsburgh.

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New York arrests over $7m hold-up are linked to IRA

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THREE suspected IRA sympathisers have been arrested in New York in connection with a $7.4 million armoured car hold-up in January. The arrests may indicate a change in tactics by IRA supporters in the US, who have previously relied chiefly on legal methods to raise funds.

The three men in custody, a Roman Catholic priest, an illegal Irish immigrant and a former police officer who was working as a guard for Brink's armoured car company at the time of the heist, are each alleged to be republican supporters, but the FBI has so far refused to confirm that the money was destined for terrorist use.

"There are indications of IRA support but we do not know at this time if it was intended for the IRA," said William Doran, the FBI agent heading the nine-month investigation that netted half of the missing money stolen from a Brink's armoured car in Rochester, upstate New York. FBI efforts are now focused on tracing the remaining cash.

While under surveillance, the suspects purchased a series of postal orders worth up to $4,000. US postal orders carry traceable serial numbers, which could be used to establish any link to the IRA.

One suspect, the Rev Patrick Moloney, is a priest of the Melkite Catholic Church (an ancient eastern rite with some 40 branches in the US) who runs a halfway house for troubled teenage boys on Manhattan's lower East Side. Fr Moloney, 61, was born in Ireland and arrested there ten years ago in connection with the smuggling of weapons from the US to the IRA. He was never charged, but his brother John was convicted.

Fr Moloney, whose rented apartment was found to contain several duffel bags stuffed with the stolen cash, has made no secret of his republican sympathies and is one of New York's most outspoken opponents of the British presence in Northern Ireland.

One of his alleged accomplices, Thomas O'Connor, was one of three guards on duty on January 5 when the robbery, the fifth largest in US history, took place. Mr O'Connor, 54, claimed he was kidnapped by masked men, who then dropped him five miles away. His story, riddled with inconsistencies, immediately aroused the suspicions of investigators.

Mr O'Connor was active with Northern Irish Aid (Noraid), the New York-based fund-raising group, and became involved with the republican cause during a visit to Ireland after retirement from the police in 1982, according to the FBI.

The third suspect, Samuel Miller, 38, has served eight years in an Irish prison on explosives and firearms charges, but his lawyer maintains he is not a member of the IRA. Both Mr Miller, who was allegedly smuggled by Fr Moloney into the US in 1984, and his wife Bernadette Fennell were active in Noraid, investigators say. A fourth man, Charles McCormick, was arrested but charges were later dropped. Noraid officials have denied any connection with the robbery. Martin Galvin, Noraid's spokesman, said: "We categorically state that there are no links between the Brink's robbery and the Irish struggle or with Northern Irish Aid."

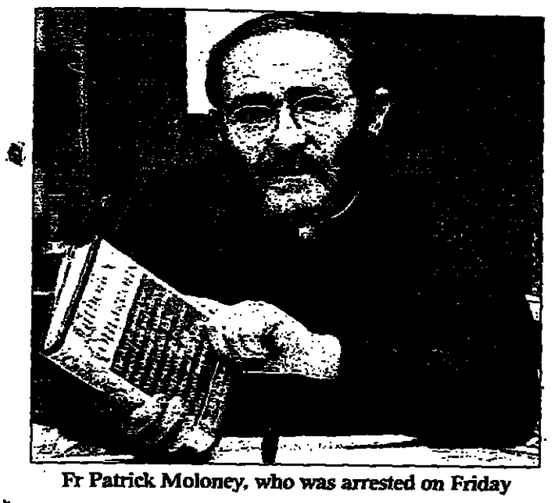
Sinn Fein has described the FBI's allegations as "yet another cynical exercise in black propaganda".

The FBI's chances of proving IRA involvement will largely depend on its success in tracing the remaining cash. Some has allegedly been spent by the suspects on luxuries, including a new car for Fr Maloney and a Hawaiian holiday for Mr Miller and a friend, both of which were paid for in cash.

With the exception of a handful of arms-smuggling cases, IRA supporters in America have seldom been linked with illegal activities, and certainly not on this scale.



Thomas O'Connor, centre, one of three Brink's guards on duty when the robbery took place, is led away after after appearing in court



Fr Patrick Moloney, who was arrested on Friday

Terrorists change tactics as American aid dries up

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE IRA must raise more than £7 million a year to fund its campaign. More than 500 "volunteers" in Ulster and on the mainland have to be maintained with an expensive logistical back-up system.

Funding from America, once a key source of IRA income, has dwindled to about $135,000 (£90,000) a year as the government succeeds in countering the view of Northern Ireland's affairs painted by IRA sympathisers in New York, Boston and San Francisco.

The activities of Noraid, which has raised millions of dollars for the republican movement, have also been hampered by tough banking laws introduced by the Irish government in 1985 to cut the flow of American money. As the American flow dried up, the IRA was forced to turn to extortion and racketeering on both sides of the Irish border.

The scale of its operations was demonstrated earlier this month when the Royal Ulster Constabulary's anti-racketeering C13 unit broke up a counterfeit video and audio tape ring.

Detectives seized more than 70,000 audio tapes at 31 locations across the province and closed seven factories. However, this represented only a small part of the business, which includes counterfeit computer games, worth up to £10 million a year to paramilitaries on both sides.

The 1985 Anglo-Irish agreement, which did so much to improve the province's image in America, also led to greater co-operation between London and Dublin against IRA racketeering.

Two years ago, Patrick Culligan, the Garda commissioner, set up a special unit to counteract businesses established with IRA money or used to launder funds raised illegally. It culminated in Operation Jolly Roger in which detectives seized more than 100,000 video tapes and expensive colour laser copying machines.

The IRA struck back quickly. In January last year, it robbed the Allied Irish Bank's cash holding centre in Waterford of £2.7 million. It also runs or profits from scores of pubs and social clubs throughout Ireland and many taxi firms have to pay a levy to the IRA.

Murdered WPC found after fire

BY ADAM FRESCO

POLICE believe a woman colleague whose body was found after a fire in her flat had been murdered before it was started.

The body of WPC Irene Martin, 27, was found in the modern tenement flat where she lived alone in the Clepington district of Dundee, Tayside. The cause of death was not known.

WPC Martin joined the Tayside force in 1989. Jack Bowman, chief constable of Tayside police, said: "This is a tragic loss of an extremely capable and conscientious young officer who was most popular with her colleagues. She will be very sadly missed."



WPC Martin: flat blaze

Jackson triggers a media manhunt

BY RICHARD DUCE

MICHAEL Jackson, the most secretive of superstars, was the sorry subject of a media manhunt last night after blaming addiction to painkillers for the cancellation of his world tour.

Jackson, 35, vanished on Friday, leaving a two-minute tape-recorded statement directly linking his drug dependency to a police investigation into allegations of child sexual abuse.

The Charter Clinic in Chelsea, where patients pay up to £300 a day, was under siege from the press yesterday. Jane Pitcaithly, its duty manager, said: "It is not official policy for us to comment on patients who visit our clinic. We sign an oath of confidentiality."

The search for Jackson also led reporters to Switzerland where his friend Elizabeth Taylor, the actress, has a home and on whose advice he is said to have cancelled the world tour that began on August 24. Jackson was thought at first to have accompanied Taylor on a private flight to Switzerland via New Mexico, Iceland and Luton. When it touched down at Geneva on Saturday, there was no immediate sign of Jackson, leading to speculation that he disembarked at Luton and was hiding in Britain.

His lawyer is expected to give a give a press conference in Los Angeles later today. Jackson's taped statement said: "My friends and doctors advised me to seek professional guidance immediately in order to eliminate what has become an addiction. I realise that completing the tour is no longer possible."

☐ Michael Jackson has claimed that his dependence on painkilling drugs, usually a euphemism for one or more of the opioid drugs related to heroin, morphia, pethedine or codeine, was a result of treatment for burns (Dr Thomas Stuttaford writes).

Somebody with a stable personality can normally be given the strongest painkillers for months, rather than days, without any dependence. The tense patient neither at ease with their own personality, nor with the world, faces a quite different situation; the prescription of opioid drugs when they are suffering severe pain may introduce them to a euphoric state in which their anxieties are dissipated and their lack of self-esteem becomes bearable.

Body discovered on drifting yacht

BY ROBIN YOUNG

COASTGUARDS yesterday appealed to shipping in the north Atlantic to keep watch for a damaged yacht drifting with a body on board.

The dismasted yacht, called *Happy Ending*, was boarded on Saturday by the chief officer of an American container ship, *Sealand Quality*.

He leapt aboard in spite of gales and heavy seas and found the body of Gerald Hardesty, 63, an American yachtsman, in the cabin. There was no sign of Mr Hardesty's wife Carol, 60, who was with him when the *Happy Ending* set sail for Ireland from Newfoundland on November 1.

The officer was hauled back on board his ship, but the bad weather made it impossible to recover the body or take the yacht in tow.

Coastguards at Falmouth, Cornwall, said they hoped the yacht would be found again so that a detailed investigation could be carried out. "We fear the woman may have been lost overboard during storms but there were no signs of violence to explain the man's death," a spokesman said.

It is thought Mr Hardesty had been dead for two or three days. The coastguards hope he may have written some account of what happened to his wife in the log.

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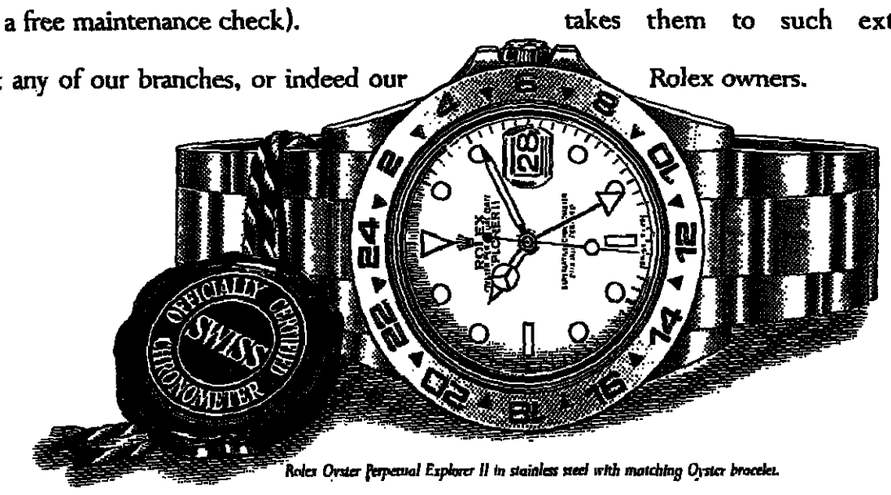
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Stroke victim was kept in tea trolley

By Jeremy Laurance
Health Services Correspondent

A COUNCIL has been criticised after its social workers made a stroke victim spend his days in a tea trolley to restrict his movement and stop him wandering off.

Peter Chandler, 38, was told that he could not attend a day centre run by Hereford social services unless he agreed to stay inside the trolley. Social services managers, who yesterday defended their decision, said they could not afford to provide the one-to-one care he required.

The shelves of the trolley were removed and a stool fitted so that it functioned like an adult babywalker. Mr Chandler described it as "like having a ball and chain around my leg".

The arrangement was introduced after social workers at Widemarsh day centre in Hereford found they could not cope with his wandering. On one occasion, he was not found until the next morning, and suffered hypothermia.

Mr Chandler's plight was brought to light by a social



Chandler: felt like he had a ball and chain

worker who complained to a local solicitor, Luke Clements. Mr Clements took legal action but the case was settled when social services arranged to provide two volunteers to "shadow" Mr Chandler during the day. "It was humiliating and degrading treatment," Mr Clements said.

Jane Gabriel, a television director, featured the case in a Channel 4 programme about citizen's advocacy, the scheme under which people help those with mental disabilities to express their views. She said: "Care in the community is so chaotic that someone can be put in a tea trolley and told that will have to do for now. If you have a citizen's advocate, your chances of not being pushed to the bottom of the pile are much better."

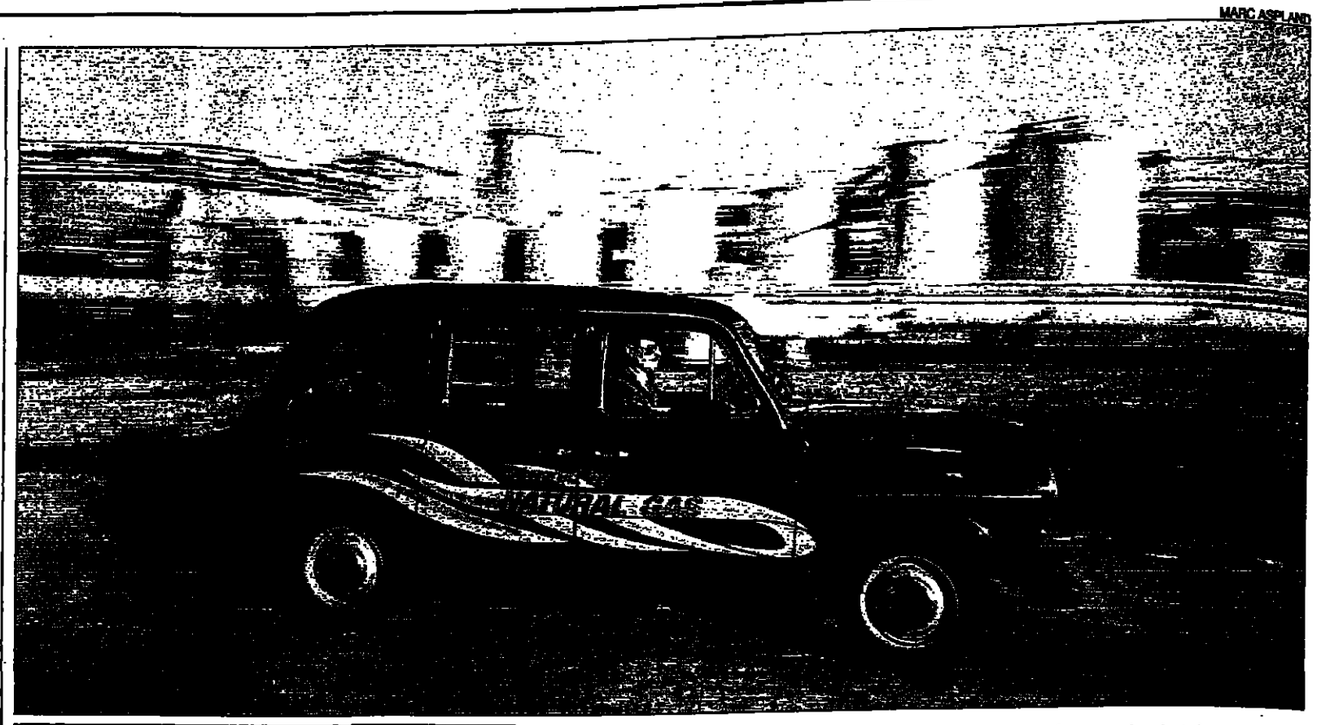
Mr Clements said that since the two volunteers had been assigned to look after Mr Chandler, he had markedly improved and hoped to be able to live on his own. "If he had been left he would probably have become more and more dependent and ended up as a patient."

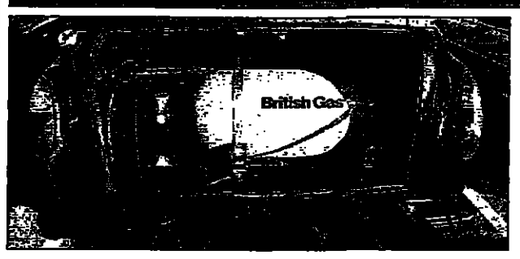
David Tombs, director of social services for Hereford, said: "It seemed to me not an unreasonable solution, taking account of the staffing in the centre and that this man had particular problems. It is an example of the age-old problem that we have statutory obligations without the resources to meet them."

The health department said the trolley had been a "bizarre treatment designed for the convenience of the centre rather than any form of therapy".

☐ Details of citizen's advocacy schemes nationwide can be obtained from National Citizen Advocacy, Unit 2K, Leroy House, 436 Essex Road, London N1 (071 359 8289).

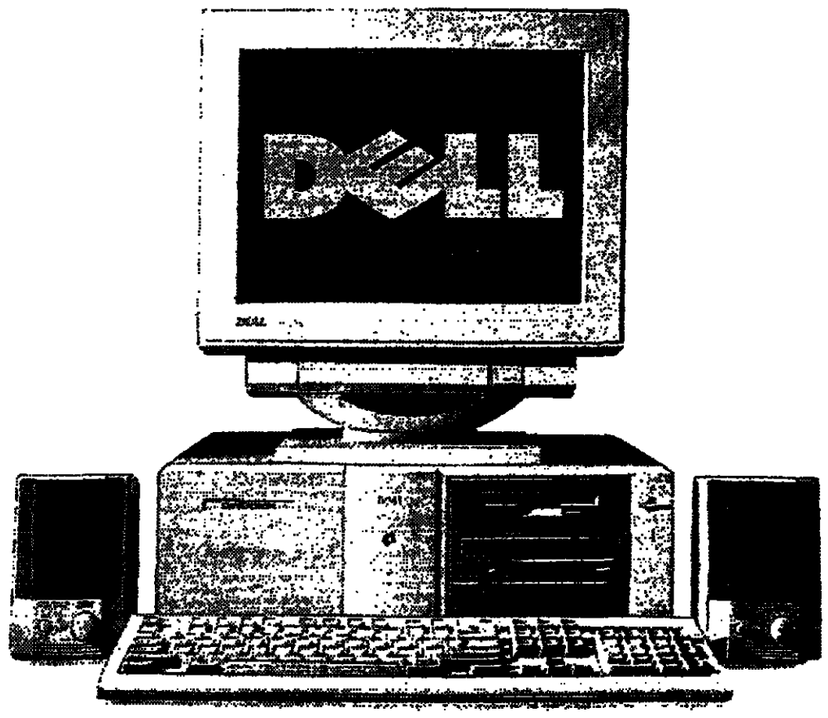
MARC ASPLAND





A cab at a gas depot near Slough, Berkshire, demonstrating horsepower at the turn of a tap. In a few years' time, cars could be fuelled from gas taps in domestic garages (Kevin Eason writes). British Gas today opens a refuelling station at the depot, where a nozzle like those at petrol stations is attached to a pipe under the car bonnet and fills a tank in the boot, left, with natural gas. With minor adaptations, a four-cylinder petrol or diesel engine can fire on gas. The Slough station will be used by British Gas vehicles and the fleet vehicles of companies that sign contracts with it. Gas could also be pumped along existing underground pipelines to commercial filling stations or direct to the home. This would reduce the number of petrol tankers on the roads and the risk of fireballs after crashes. British Gas says that gas has a higher ignition temperature, 700C compared with 250C for petrol. Other advantages claimed include being 30 per cent cheaper than unleaded fuel and cutting carbon monoxide emissions by 70 per cent.

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Lack of work puts Bar's future at risk

By Frances Gibb, Legal Correspondent

THE future of the Bar is threatened by a dramatic decline in work available for young barristers, according to a report published today. The report, by a Bar Council working party, says there is widespread concern about the fall and calls for urgent action if the profession is to survive.

"It is a matter of concern not only for those directly affected, but for the Bar as a whole and for the public," the report says.

The Bar has been badly hit by the drop in court workloads. The number of indictable offences dealt with by magistrates' courts has dropped 15 per cent in the year to the first quarter of 1993.

At the same time, the Crown Prosecution Service is doing more work. The percentage of cases in which it has instructed outside lawyers has declined from 40 to 20 per cent between 1990 and 1993 and is set to halve again in the next two years.

The decline coincides with increasing competition from solicitors who are taking more cases in magistrates' courts. Because of the way legal aid fees are structured, they have a financial incentive to instruct other solicitors rather than barristers to act as agents in court.

Peter Goldsmith QC, chairman of the working party, said the Bar needed to meet the challenge of modern practice by providing a service of high quality and at competitive costs. The report calls for urgent measures to tackle the problem. It urges the government to change the legal aid fees arrangements so they do not discriminate against barristers. If the government does not do so, they will consider referring the matter to the Office of Fair Trading.

Call to cut one in four jobs at Whitehall

By Michael Dynes
Whitehall Correspondent

WHITEHALL jobs should be cut by 25 per cent and fast-stream recruiting abolished in an effort to bring an end to elitism, according to a former leading civil servant.

Senior positions should be advertised openly, with top officials placed under contract, regularly reshuffled and made accountable directly to Parliament, a report by Sir Peter Kemp, published today, says. Sir Peter, former permanent secretary in charge of the civil service reform programme, accuses officials of fending off reform and trying to preserve their positions of power and privilege.

Sir Peter, who was sacked last year by William Waldegrave, the public service minister, said: "In Whitehall the old attitudes and the old guard prevail. The only heads that have rolled have been among the revolutionaries."

Civil service reform, which has seen the executive functions of government hived off into Next Steps agencies, has left central government untouched. "This has led to a paradox: that while the executive work of the civil service is getting better, the formulation of policy is deteriorating," Sir Peter said.

The civil service, which costs the taxpayer £20 billion a year, grew from 50,000 in 1902 to a peak of 571,000 in 1977. Despite a 70,000 reduction in staff by 1993, numbers are increasing again.

Sir Peter also called for an overhaul of the upper reaches of Whitehall. "The permanent secretary is a prime example of the sort of ambiguous position which leads to poor policy advice," he said. "No one is ever quite clear what he or, rarely she, is actually there for. They advise the minister, but are not politically accountable for the quality of that advice."

☐ *Beyond Next Steps: a civil service for the 21st century* (Social Market Foundation, 20 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1: £8)

News in Brief

Dead girl's earring recovered

Police hunting the killer of 18-year-old Julia Baines have found her missing earring.

Her battered body was found dumped on wasteland a fortnight ago after a night out in Wakefield. She had been beaten, sexually assaulted and strangled.

West Yorkshire detectives believed her attacker may have kept her earring but yesterday confirmed that it had been found where the body was discovered.

Martial law

Steve Ross, a martial arts expert, broke off his training to confront vandals who had set fire to his greengrocer's shop in Chester. Faced with Mr Ross in his karate suit, they turned tail and fled.

Rescue in vain

Two off-duty police officers, Tracey Brown and Nigel Shaw, rescued 18-month-old David Jackson from a blazing house at Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, but he died later.

Turkeys freed

More than 30 turkeys destined for Christmas dinner tables were taken from a farm at Ringmer, East Sussex, in a raid by supporters of the Animal Liberation Front.

All at sea

Alec Brown, on holiday in Dorset, bought a ticket for the ferry at Poole and drove straight into the sea. He escaped but his Ford Sierra was last seen floating away.

Crossing death

A 32-year-old man died when his BMW car was hit by a train at an unmanned level crossing at Needham Market, Suffolk.

Prize bonds

National Savings Premium Bond draw: £100,000 prize, bond 1IEN 008744 (winner lives in London borough of Barnet, value of holding £18): £50,000, 20VZ 559241 (Essex, £911): £25,000, 29ZP 270268 (Kent, £1,750).

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Britain's first national bureau for those who have disappeared without trace awaits approval

Police ready to widen net for missing thousands

By Robin Young

BRITAIN could have its first national bureau for missing people if the country's top policemen give the go-ahead this week.

The Metropolitan police has run the most ambitious missing persons bureau until now, logging details of more than 30,000 last year alone, principally from greater London and adjoining areas. Even that limited operation has proved almost impossible to keep up to date in the past.

The scheme that comes before the crime committee of the Association of Chief Police Officers on Wednesday is for a new national bureau based at Scotland Yard and run by a staff of three at an annual cost of £90,000. It would log details of vulnerable people missing from home until a new police national computer comes into operation in about two years.

Under the police scheme, young children and those considered seriously at risk would be immediately notified to the bureau by the police force in the area where they went missing. Others would only be notified after 28 days, because most missing people are found or return within a week. Yet many missing people, as now, would not be listed on any national police register.

At any time there are about 250,000 untraceable people in Britain, although every adult has the right to go missing.

Though the idea for a national bureau dates back to a Council of Europe recommendation in 1979, Earl Ferrers, minister of state at the Home Office, told a conference last year that after considering such a register the Home Office had concluded that it would be "enormously expensive" to set up and run.

That has not prevented two sisters attempting to plug the gap. Janet Newman, a former welfare officer with British Aerospace, and her sister, Mary Asprey, set up their Missing Persons Bureau with the help of volunteers.

While police policy has been only to become involved where there is reason to worry about the missing person's safety, the sisters aimed to help those left behind. "The distress for them is unimaginable," Mrs Newman says. "Not knowing whether people are ill, or needing help, or possibly dead, is an agony. We are not here to give away secrets, or to reveal people's whereabouts to families they do not want to contact, but we do think the missing should have the chance to realise how much distress they have caused and to know that someone still cares."

In fact, the sisters' Missing Persons Bureau has already helped find several hundred of the missing 250,000, mostly through publicity on television, in newspapers and magazines.

"It is quite astonishing that no service like this had been set up before," Mrs Newman says. "Beforehand, nobody was interested unless crime was suspected."

Demand for the bureau's services continues to outstrip its resources. The Roddicks of Body Shop have given £32,000, the Paul Getty Trust £8,000, and at the instigation of Ernest Allen, of the American National Centre for Missing and Exploited Children in Washington, Wang has provided a £30,000 "ageing" computer that can take old photographs and produce an accurate image of how missing people might look years after their last recorded sighting.

"The trouble is that every bit of success in winning publicity or locating missing people brings us more and more phone calls and more cases," Mrs Newman says. "Without more support, there is no way we can hope to keep up."

☐ *The Missing Persons Bureau helpline, to which any information relating to the above cases should be directed, is 081-392 2000.*

One who did not get away

GREG Holliday is proof that those who vanish are not necessarily gone for ever. A qualified accountant who had been travelling widely as a consultant in the computer industry, he went missing on January 12 this year. He used eight chequebooks to draw £800 a day from different banks, leaving his wife Pauline destitute.

At the end of February, Mrs Holliday found that a money-changing bureau had confiscated her husband's cheque card. In May, after being challenged in a benefit office in Bath where he had been living under the name of Wordsworth, his mother's maiden name and the one which appeared on his birth certificate, Mr Holliday set out for London, and let himself back into his own home in Woodford Green, Essex.

His doctor says that he had been suffering from stress-induced amnesia, and it seems that during his four-month disappearance he had been mugged in Tenerife, spent time in Paris and Greece, and had some money and his passport stolen in London.

Husband left home without warning

By A Staff Reporter

IAN Grayburn, 34, has been missing for more than a year. The former teacher had suffered attacks of depression. He arranged to meet his wife and two daughters in Manchester before visiting his parents for the weekend. He never arrived for work.

He had taken £10 from a cashpoint in Macclesfield on the morning he disappeared, otherwise the only clues were a workmate who thought he had seen Mr Grayburn a fortnight after he disappeared, and a letter to a friend in London in which, a week before he went missing, Mr Grayburn had written that in another life he would like to be a gardener.

Mr Grayburn is 6ft tall and 10½ to 11 stone. He is half-Indonesian and has black, curly hair, dark brown eyes and a lean jaw with distinct lines running from the base of his nose to the corners of his mouth. There is a long diagonal scar on the side of his neck from a teenage operation. He suffers from ulcerative colitis, for which he requires prescribed medicine regularly.

☐ Sean Durkin, a publican, left the Dove Inn at Burton Bradstock on March 30, telling his wife Glenis that he was going to "sort out this mess" at a bankruptcy hearing. His car was found at Heathrow on July 3. Hidden inside was a sack of unopened mail. Three more bags of unopened letters and bills were found in the pub. Mrs Durkin, who lives with her parents on £44 a week income support, says: "If Sean would come back, I am sure that we could still make something of our lives."

☐ Kevin Rodway, 41, was a physical education teacher in the Forest of Dean. His marriage to his wife Dawn was breaking down. On March 2, Mr Rodway left his mother's home at 7.20am but never reported for work. His car was found in Chepstow. The family thought he had committed suicide until a friend assured them he had seen Mr Rodway in Torquay. Mrs Rodway says: "I am sure he is out there. I want him to come back."

☐ Last year, Steven Clark was named Teesside's Trainee Achiever of the Year. Three days after Christmas, he went for a walk with his mother from their home at Marske, Cleveland, to Saltburn. Mrs Clark went into a lavatory on the promenade and, when she came out, Steven had disappeared.

☐ Raymond Cunningham's family in Coleraine, Northern Ireland, have heard no news of him for 12 years. He had worked for more than four years in Saudi Arabia when, in July 1981, he rang to say that he was coming home. He never arrived.

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Marie Grayburn and her daughter Naomi. Mrs Grayburn has not seen her husband for more than a year



Ian Grayburn: suffered attacks of depression

Red alert sounds for native squirrel

By Elaine Fogg

CUMBRIA and Lancashire have become the front line in the battle to save the red squirrel, which conservations fear could be extinct within 20 years.

The main reasons for its decline in the two counties, which have the largest populations of red squirrels in England, is the failure of its food supply, mainly pine cones, and the soaring number of grey squirrels.

In the past 40 years the red squirrel has disappeared from 95 per cent of Lancashire, David Maclean, Home Office minister, said.

Mr Maclean, who is Conservative MP for Penrith and The Border, was speaking today at the launch of NPI Red Alert North West, sponsored by National Provident Insurance and groups including Cumbria and Lancashire wildlife trusts.

Landowners in the North West are being urged to buy a feeding hopper, designed by the Forestry Commission, which has a see-saw bridge that lets red squirrels across to the food but tips out their heavier grey rivals. The public is being encouraged to report sightings of squirrels.

Mr Maclean said: "I have known and loved the red squirrel all my life and, living in Cumbria, have always believed it would be there for ever."

Cars blight rabbit's tale

BEATRIX Potter fans are angered at council plans to make a car park in the country garden where the children's author created Peter Rabbit.

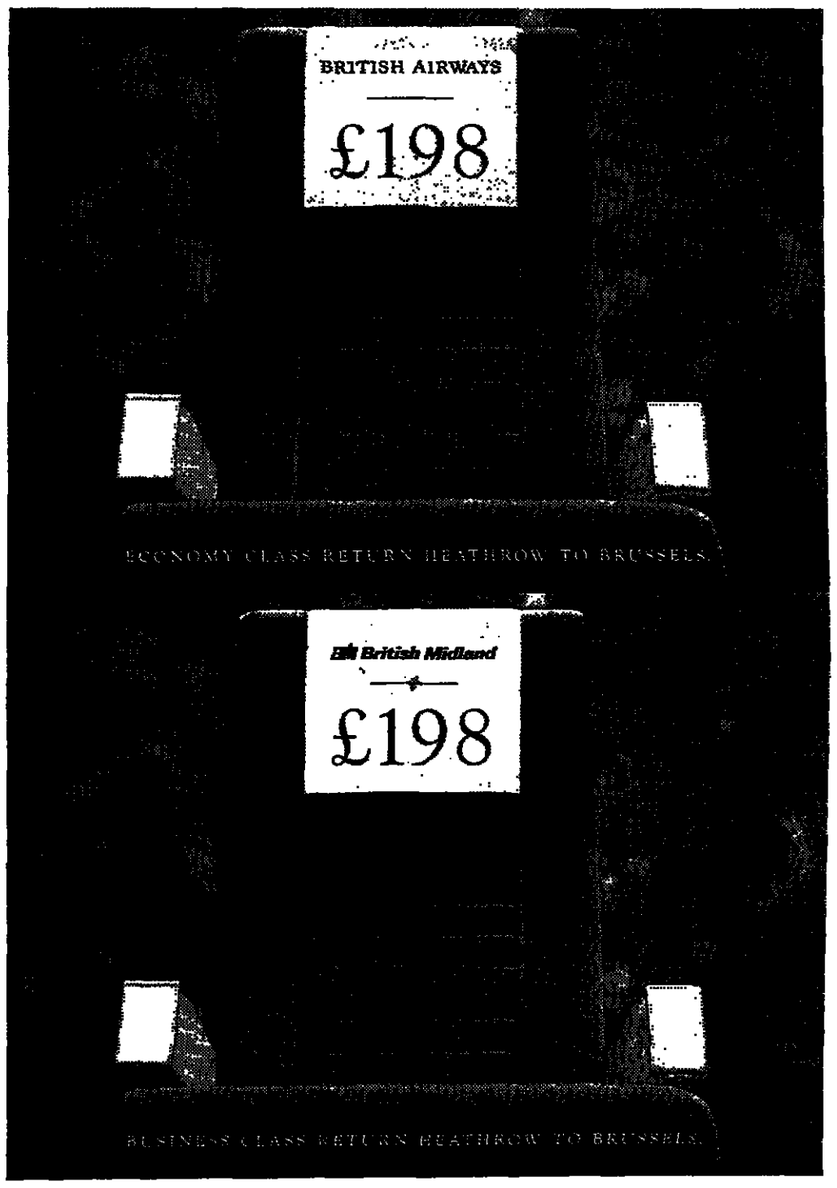
Potter got the idea for her rabbit stories while holidaying at 2 Croft Terrace, Tenby, Dyfed, in 1900. The garden was the setting for the first book, *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, and was the inspiration for characters such as Flopsy, Mopsy and Cottontail.

Eileen Hodgson, mayor of Tenby, is leading opposition to South Pembrokshire District Council's plans to change the use of the land from a nursery garden to a much-needed car park at the holiday resort town.

Mrs Hodgson said: "Now that it has come to light that the garden was Beatrix Potter's inspiration, I would hate to see it turned into a car park. We want the council to recreate the garden pond and the steps."

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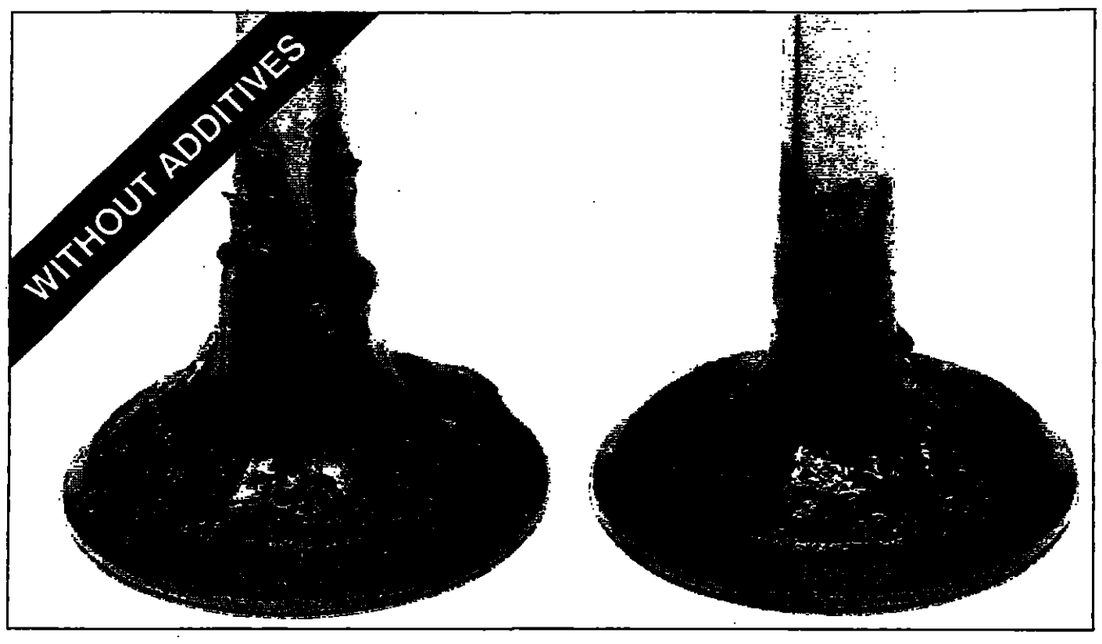
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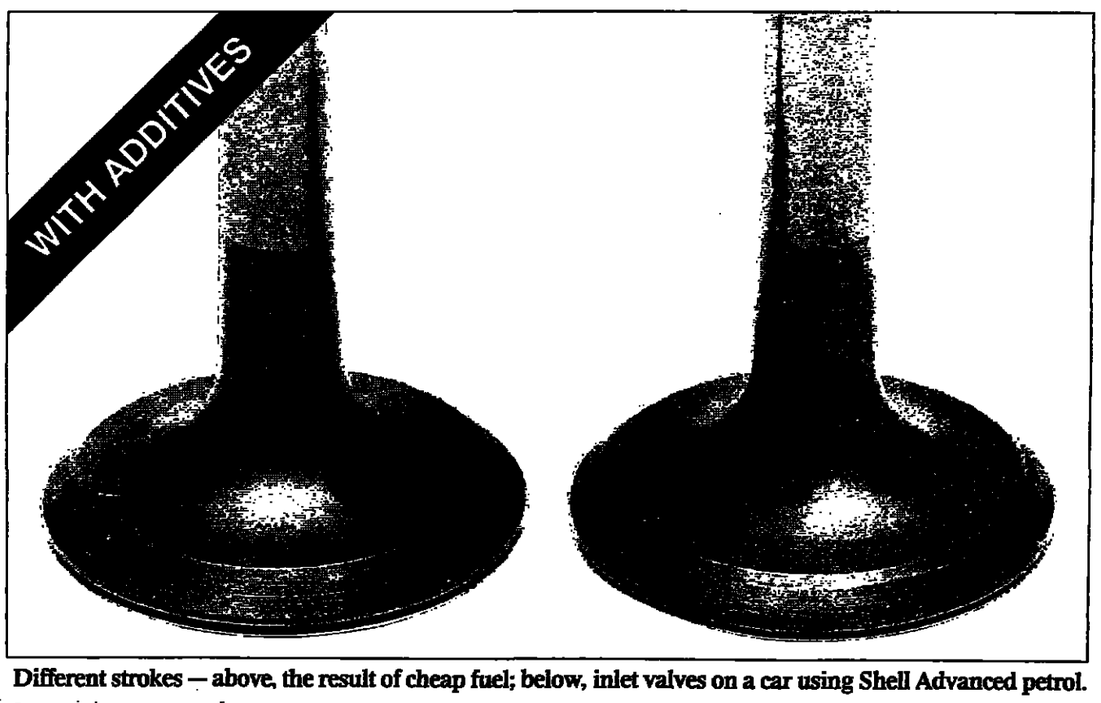
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Britain is left to ponder the lost opportunities of its early hold on the new world

Forget the Bolsheviks, 1776 was the global revolution



Jonathan Clark, the historian, believes England's search for a defining event should end with the revolt of the American colonies in 1776

England's sense of historical identity has been shaped by a few formative episodes: we still give them privileged status as epitomes of the larger issues we need discussed. For France, 1789 performs the role of historic icon: but for England, what episode we choose has been lastingly contested.

The Reformation (via Foxe's *Book of Martyrs*), the Civil War (via Clarendon) and the Glorious Revolution performed that function in turn, and the Victorians only diversified this picture. They retained the old battlegrounds, giving them melodramatic enhancement: Froude for the Reformation, Carlyle for the civil war, Macaulay for 1688. They added the Norman conquest (Freeman) and the industrial revolution (Toynbee). Because their legacy was a critical vocabulary of constitutional advance (or delay), material progress (or exploitation), Protestant destiny (or secular historical inevitability), one truth emerged as self-evident by the mid-20th century: the crucial formative moment, the watershed between ancient and modern, was the civil war, depicted as the "English revolution".

The Times Essay

In the past decade, the sense of importance surrounding the English revolution has evaporated since its significance is seen to lie in religion and the relations of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales rather than in social change or proletarian self-consciousness.

England's perspective on the past is shifting in fundamental ways, and not only as a consequence of EC membership. We become aware of a strange suppression in the story of English self-identity: the American revolution, the point at which events took a new, irreversible and wholly unexpected direction. Yet while Russians endlessly debated 1917 and Frenchmen refought 1789, Englishmen soon overlooked 1776 or took its outcome for granted.

Of these episodes, it deserved this amnesia the least: where 1917 looks overdetermined by war, famine and defeat, 1776 seems absurdly underdetermined by a trivial tax on tea. Yet its consequences were momentous. Students of the domino theory can plausibly construct a scenario of Western history in which 1776 was the first domino to fall and the main cause of the financial collapse of the French government that led inexorably to 1789. Friends of the counter-factual could fantasise, and not implausibly, on the shape of the English-speaking North Atlantic world that might have luxuriated in the absence of revolution: free trade adopted, slavery abolished, meliorist reform pursued.

Victorian England was a pale echo of what might have been. Just as individuals suppress the memories of defeat, so societies, via historians, minimise in retrospect the path that was not taken. For England, that path was the one that seemed to point to a vast empire in the northern hemisphere, Protestant, English-dominated, reproducing on an international scale the characteristics of the old order.

Once that option was irretrievably closed, it had to be pretended that it was never an option at all. Instead, Englishmen began to stress the lowest common denominators that bound them to their kith and kin in the new republic: language, literature and law.

This was true enough, but it was a desperately weak argument: it generated no adequate cultural imperative to secure US participation in two world wars, as it did for Canadians and Australians.

In a proportion of more than four to one, England's literature rather than history is the means by which American students now approach their mother country.

Whatever unites English and American political cultures, their divisions now preoccupy us, and those nagging differences derive from the essential nature of the American revolution. This has been the subject of changing interpretive fashion among American historians — like the 1640s among their English colleagues. The ruling theory remains essentially that which was brilliantly devised by Bernard Bailyn in the 1960s.

Bailyn was rightly critical of the social-structural interpretations of 1776. The American revolution, he insisted, was "an ideological, constitutional, political struggle and not primarily a controversy between social groups undertaken to force changes in the organisation of the society or the economy". This was surely correct, but everything turns on the nature of the ideological controversies. Bailyn pictured a world in which a common political language predominated on both sides of the Atlantic, so that the reasons for conflict were to be found in the innovations of English policy rather than in the inner dynamics of colonial society.

Bailyn subtly recovered a political discourse built around key terms such as power, corruption, slavery and conspiracy. Colonial Americans' near-unanimous adherence to the ideology of classical republicanism led them to suspect power, to interpret the workings of the executive as corruption, to fear their own reduction to a state of slavery, and to perceive English policy as a grand conspiracy to subvert liberty on both sides of the Atlantic. This was so implausible to the English that they could soon forget it; but they forgot the real reasons, too. One problem with this model of discourse was its disembodied quality. It was the property of no social group; it was driven by no practical concerns. American discussions of liberty and slavery, like Englishmen's, were long standing; but they had been the commonplace themes of the mosaic of religious denominations that made up the colonial population by 1776.

Even more than in the British Isles, it was the sects that formed the building block of society and carried within them ancient legacies: myths of origins, political theologies, understandings of representation and authority, doctrines of the right of resistance. The drive to rebellion is to be understood in terms of colonists' negations more than their affirmations. So is the American society which rebellion created.

By implication, so was the Britain whose sectarian conflicts found a larger battlefield in America. It was these denominations that mobilised the colonial population for a holy war, and created the setting in which the leadership of the founding fathers could act as a catalyst. It was the heightened rhetoric of Protestant dissent that identified English rule with "popery and arbitrary power", which injected the element of millenarian expectation into America's great experiment, and which ensured that familiar points of friction over transatlantic policy became non-negotiable grievances and triggers of atavistic ideas of a right of resistance.

As with the Irish rebellion of 1698, the outbreak of fighting in 1776 quickly ripped away the veneer of Enlightenment platitude to reveal a pattern of local conflict in which denominational allegiance was inescapable and decisive. The military history of colonial America equally reveals that the revolution was not made by a previously existing nation united around a shared ideology, which threw off a foreign yoke in a decisive act. Rather, the revolutionaries were left the victors in a fragmented civil war after their opponents were compelled to give up the struggle. They were the survivors of an internecine conflict in which colonial opinion, like opinion in the British Isles, had been profoundly divided. American nationalism followed the revolution: it did not cause it. To that degree, the revolution was avoidable.

A reinterpretation of the war of 1776-83 has consequences for American identities, too. One of its ironies was that none of its instigators derived from it quite what they sought. The gentlemen of Virginia saw their Anglican, squirearchical model swept aside as a model for a future America. New England Congregationalism took a radically different turn as it absorbed the unitarianism of the heterodox revolutionary elite. It was the denominations least committed to resistance in 1776, especially the Baptists and Methodists, that boomed in the new republic and were one reason why, as it exploded across a continent, it did not replicate east-coast, let alone old-world, norms.

The real causes of the revolution explain the profoundly different track records of the two surviving societies and the incompatibility of ideals that seem, on the surface, so similar. Given the option of a closer association with the North American Free Trade Association, Englishmen (like Americans in 1776) strangely recall the cultural imperatives that run counter to economic self-interest.

Englishmen and Americans still rightly identify many common denominators. Puzzlingly, these never seem to be quite enough. The end of the Cold War allowed both to talk less loudly about a special relationship, and to appreciate the profound differences between England and America. As a subject of academic speculation, 1917 had an astonishing run. Its reign is over; that of 1776 is about to begin.

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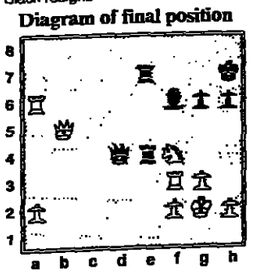
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Lucerne Team Championship 1993

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8	Bd2	g6
9	0-0	Bg7
10	e4	dxc4
11	e5	Qe7
12	Bxc4	0-0
13	Qe2	b6
14	Rfe1	a6
15	Bd3	Bb7
16	Be4	Ra7
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23	Rxc5	Bg7
24	Rc6	Ixe6
25	Nc5	Qf7
26	Nxe6	Re8
27	Qb3	Kh8
28	g3	Qf5
29	Re2	Rae7
30	Rxe6	Bf6
31	Re3	Kh7
32	Rf3	Qe5
33	Nf4	Qb2
34	Qd3	Re4
35	Kg2	Qd4
36	Qxb5	R8e7

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Diagram of final position



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Children dip into the pick and mix world of drugs

BY STEWART TENDLER

■ In the past five years, drugs have become increasingly available and knowledge about them has reached the primary school classroom, passed down from older pupils

A child of seven has been counselled for drug abuse by a specialist youth team in London. The disclosure adds to growing evidence that Britain is facing the greatest upsurge of drug use among the young since the 1960s.

The boy is the youngest child to be counselled by an east London drugs project in schools which deals with 150 children a year. Other "clients" have included a 15-year-old in debt to dealers for £600 and an eight-year-old who stole car radios to pay for three cans of butane gas a day.

The seven-year-old, now in care, used to be taken to school by his parents. Instead of going into class, he vanished over a back fence to join his friends among a gang of 12 and 13-years-olds. They would give him the cannabis and solvents he used and he would sometimes help them to steal.

His case is a rare extreme. Unpublished Home Office research drawn from the British Crime Survey confirms that most usage is experimental. The numbers using heroin and cocaine are very low but, according to one official, "the picture is of quite widespread use."

The research, to be published shortly, found that drug use was not confined to inner city areas. Parallel research found parents rejecting moves towards legalisation; instead they supported enforcement and called for better education programmes.

For many parents, teachers, police and youth workers, action cannot come too soon. The number of offenders aged under 17 convicted of drug crimes rose from 459 in 1982 to 2,754 last year. Last month, a Manchester team published research from the North West which showed that 47 per cent of 776 children surveyed had tried drugs by the age of 16; 71 per cent had been in situations where drugs were offered. Forty-one per cent had tried cannabis and 25 per cent LSD.

Research led by Professor Howard Parker suggests children are becoming consumers in a "psychoactive pick and mix sweet shop". They may start with alcohol, then try cannabis, LSD and other drugs within their reach physically and financially. The Institute for Drug Dependency believes the national picture may not be so dramatic but accepts research projects are combining to show national increases in the extent and variety of drug use.

Work in Croydon on the fringes of London has shown 45 to 50 per cent of 14 to 15-year-olds have tried some form of drug. Research issued by Gallup earlier this month found that one in three of 980 children aged 13 to 17 said cannabis was available in their school.

There is general agreement that the abuse does not centre on hard drugs. Simon Wickenden, a drugs worker in a Home Office initiative in Lambeth, south London, who has lectured to classes, said: "You can talk about heroin, talk about cocaine, they don't want to know. Talk about Ecstasy, they are dead serious."

However, there is concern among Home Office officials that their new surveys do show adults moving from soft drugs to heroin and cocaine.

In a report urging greater efforts to provide better drugs education, the government's advisory council on drug misuse concluded this summer: "No school or parent can afford to be complacent or think that their child or children are not at risk." The council said the drug situation in the country "appears to have deteriorated".

Colin Cripps, head of a special drugs project among children in Newham, east London, agrees. He believes that drugs have become increasingly available and knowledge about them has reached the primary school classroom in the past five years. "Eight or nine-year-olds have the street names for drugs. I have debated with eight-year-olds how many cigarette papers are needed for a good cannabis cigarette. They get it from older children. In a class of 25, perhaps eight or ten will talk about drugs, how to roll up a cigarette and what you feel like afterwards."

One senior Scotland Yard officer said: "I would say we are awash with the stuff. We are having a lot of success and arresting more people, but there is a lot of dope out there. If you want to score on Friday night you will, but that is not to say they are injecting themselves in every school toilet. There is no mythical stranger selling drugs at the school door. The drugs come from another member of the family or a close friend."

Other London detectives also dismiss suggestions that dealers are aiming at schools. Research supports this view, although Mr Cripps says the drug dealing world is becoming increasingly ruthless and competitive with the appearance of crack cocaine. Children are offered credit and have reported approaches near schools.

So far, there is no evidence of sophisticated marketing aimed at American schools, although the packaging of LSD using cartoon images does appeal to children. There is some evidence that children are dealing themselves: one London youth expert had to handle a 15-year-old found with 300 LSD doses. It is more likely, say police, that one child will buy some drugs and might sell part on to friends, or split them, rather than deal more seriously.

How far drug use is influencing juvenile crime among younger children is also unclear. Detectives accept that older children reaching their teens are committing crime to supply drug use, and there is evidence that some younger children are stealing to buy drugs. However, few children have yet to appear in the treatment programmes centred on hard drugs and adults.

Mr Cripps's work covers a wide spectrum. A third of his cases are Asians, and when he lectured in west London suburbs, three children went over to Newham the next week looking for help. He disagrees with those who believe children will simply experiment and move on. His experience suggests that children cannot always handle drugs and they need information and somewhere to go when they get into trouble. Home Office officials agree, pointing out what is sold can be impure or not even the drug it is claimed to be.

However, schools are shy of talking about drug problems or will not feature drugs education programmes because it will then be assumed they do have problems. After one school in London was visited by a pop star as part of a promotion supporting drug prevention, parents rushed to take their children away.

Colin Chapman, co-ordinator of a national group of drugs education advisers and author of a handbook for teachers, said that some schools were being antagonistic. "You still have this 'drugs equals death' among a lot of heads. As soon as it appears, they just want to get rid of it. It is almost treated as a plague." And he added: "It is confusing for the children who see this drug as pleasant, non-addictive and which makes them feel relaxed and then they come up against this huge backlash."

One solution lies in the home. Ian Wardle, head of a Manchester drugs project, and the organiser of next year's first national parents' conference on drug prevention, said: "There is a crisis in drugs education in schools. Teachers are damned if they do it and they are damned if they don't.

"But if there is a single important constituency which can materially affect the prevalence of drug use among young people, it is the parents. Many are worried, others simply don't know what is going on. They have had a lousy deal so far from drugs services."

The next step, page 1

Gangs use boys on mountain bikes for illegal deliveries

BY ANDREW PIERCE

BOYS as young as ten act as lookouts. Their older brothers, no more than 16, are mountain-bike couriers for drug gangs. They are armed with stolen, reprogrammed mobile telephones, and some with guns.

Their battlegrounds are Moss Side and Hulme in Manchester, whose council estates are dominated by gang warfare, drugs, decay, depression and unemployment. High-rise blocks, unlit alleyways, crime and intimidation have helped to create a fertile breeding ground for teenage drug-dealing and addiction.

Community leaders deny reports that children as young as nine go to school with guns. They are angered by, but do not deny, stories that primary school children are involved in the drugs trade.

A boy who called himself Michael insisted that he had left school when he was 17, but he could not remember what year that was. He did not look older than 15. He was one of a handful of black teenagers in baseball caps in the deserted Moss Side shopping centre. About 80 per cent of young blacks are unemployed, as are most of their parents.

"You a cop?" he demanded. With his voice barely broken, he boasted in his self-appointed kingdom, a doorway of a barricaded shop, that he could get anything. Cocaine, heroine or crack? Ecstasy tablets, at £15 each, were "for kids". He agreed to sell some. "Be back in half an hour with the cash," he said. It was easier than hiring a taxi — they do not go to certain parts after dark.

Hulme is even more oppressive than Moss Side. It is dilapidated, with rows of boarded-up flats, smashed windows and graffiti. Dealing goes on outside pubs, in them and in the street. Boys little more than 12 scowled on street corners, ostentatiously lighting cigarettes or stamping their feet. Were they signals? They melted away when approached. Two rival gangs battle for supremacy: the "Goochies", on the west of Alexandra Park Estate, and the "Doddies" in the east. Drugs pay for their revolvers and pump-action shotguns.

Steven and his mono-syllabic friend, who were hanging about a pub in Royce Road, home of the original Rolls-Royce, admitted they had "bunked off" school and sold Ecstasy and LSD (or acid) to their schoolfriends, most of whom bought acid because it was only £3 a tab. He said that some of the couriers had been in trouble with the gang leaders for keeping some for themselves.

"You a dibble (a plain-clothes policeman)?" Barely reassured, he tried to explain why he did it. "No choice. No jobs. No chance of one. The cops hate us. If we make some money we can get away." Few fulfil their ambition. Some are shot. There were three shootings in the past week.

Finding anyone to speak is difficult. A group of youngsters from Ducie Central High School in Victoria Park, who were grumbling about school, were nervous about talking to a "newspaper man".

One boy, who said he was called James, said: "Lots of the kids try drugs. It's something to do. Most of us don't do anything serious. No one does it in school. They take a tablet at a mate's house at the weekend. But the ones who get heavy have to nick to pay for it."

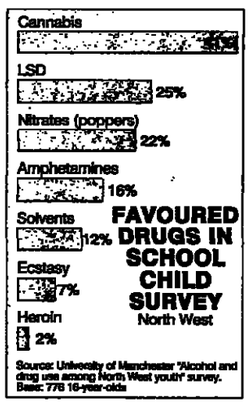
Only a hard core were involved in the gangs, said his friend, who would not give his name. "But I guess a lot of kids around here have tried some form of drug. I have. It was a tablet. It was crap." Another of the group said that their parents were always warning them about drugs. "I wouldn't touch them. But you can see why people get involved. They want to make some money. Once they have made it they want more."

Fr Phil Sumner, a Roman Catholic priest who is an officer of the local community forum and has been on the estate for 17 years, said: "Lots of the kids play truant. There are too many guns here, too many shootings and too many drugs. Kids feel alienated. There are no jobs, housing is poor, they are discriminated against because they are black.

"I know the drug dealers. No, I don't tell the police who they are. They need to be able to trust me and to talk to me if I am to be able to help them. Sure, some of the kids are caught up in it. It is a vicious circle."

Fr Sumner, 41, is parish priest of three churches and a governor of several schools that teach drug education. They are also trying to change the content of history lessons. "The curriculum is European history from 1700. The only reference to blacks is through slavery. Schools here are now receptive to the idea of teaching black African history. It's a start."

Some of the housing is being renovated and other attempts are under way to improve the community. The church has been taken over for local business initiatives; the smaller parish centre has been converted into the church. "I don't expect large congregations. Only 20 per cent of my work is conventional church work," Fr Sumner said. "If I am not out in the fight, helping those kids, I am not doing God's work."





Smokers start young. By their teens, many have tried illegal drugs

JOHN RAE

John Rae, former head of Westminster School, describes the dilemmas posed by drug use

Nights of dance and deals funded by pocket money

BY KATE ALDERSON

THE heavy bass line of the music vibrates through the floor as the multi-coloured lasers dance frantically across the sweating crowd and the DJ shouts: "Ravers, this is all for you. We take you up, we take you down."

What will "take up" many of the 1,000 young people at this big club in the West End of London is not just the rave music, which is designed to induce euphoria, but drugs.

In the 200-strong queue outside in the rain at 1am, the conversation is dominated by talk of deals and scoring. Derek, who claims to be 18 but then admits that he is studying for his GCSEs, is with three friends from Kingston, southwest London, who are all regulars at the club.

"We're sweet, mate," he smiles. "Already sorted for whizz. I'm not buying nothing inside." They have bought half a dozen wraps of speed, which are hidden in a matchbox in Derek's underwear. Searches by bouncers at the door are part of the virtually meaningless ritual conducted by most clubs to discourage serious drug dealers and weapon carriers.

Inside the club, the smell of cannabis and amyl nitrate hangs heavy in the dark corners. Dilated pupils and rapid eye movement are the signs of a chemically-induced high.

Many of the clubbers, a mixed black and white crowd with no ethnic divides, are clearly younger than 18. Stacey, who is standing in the packed toilets, drinking water, has long blonde hair that is downy and child-like and a bra that pushes out her chest to exaggerate her years.

"I'm still rushing," she says, holding on to the sink. Her two girl friends giggle. They have all taken trips tonight, on acid, and have no money to get home to Finchley, north London. They reluctantly admit, in a whisper, to being 15 years old.

"Two quid these trips cost us. They're not very strong but they do the job," Stacey says. "You're just out of your head for a few hours, drink a few beers to keep going and smoke a spliff to come down." They laugh at the idea of taking Ecstasy. "No one takes that any more. It's expensive and most of it is useless anyway. Who is going to pay £15 for bad E?"

The girls come to a West End club every few weeks, and take speed or acid. They spend about £40 each, funded by Saturday jobs and pocket money.

Acid is cheap and easy to obtain. The older brother of one of them sells it at a cafe near their school. Many of their friends have taken drugs, they claim.

Drug dealing in the club is reasonably covert, mostly taking place in the toilets and the dark corridors to and from the dance floors. Men in their twenties cagily exchange small handfuls of drugs for money from teenagers. A deal takes around five seconds.

Dave, who organises warehouse parties, is 20 and feels too old for this club. "It's all different now. Look around, there's not the euphoria and madness of the early rave days. People don't want to know about Es any more. They're expensive, and do your head in. You can't get any of the good stuff any more."

Dave admits to dealing in drugs at his parties or taking a cut from dealers he allows in. Sniffing from a bottle of amyl nitrate, which gives him a "warm rush", he says: "You used to make a killing from raves, now you just make a living."

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LSD



Price: £3-£5 for a single tab, £2.50 microdot
Other names: Acid, trip, tab, dot
Effects: Hallucinogenic. Can last as long as twelve hours. During the trip, mood changes can vary from feelings of extreme happiness to those of deep depression and paranoia

ECSTASY



Price: £14-£20 for a single pill
Other names: E, bumble bee
Effects: A stimulating drug which can also be hallucinogenic and is a dance drug. Tingling sensation throughout body, normal feelings become intensified. The user may also become very hot and sweaty. Can lead to depression, anxiety and death

AMPHETAMINE



Price: £10 for a wrap (1gram)
Other names: Sulphate, whizz, speed,
Effects: Makes the user feel wide awake. Effects can last as long as four hours. Wrap will have been cut with other substances such as caffeine or glucose. Causes the body to use a lot of energy. Afterwards, user feels tired and depressed

SOLVENTS



Price: from £2 for lighter fuel
Other names: Aerosols, cleaning fluid, glue, gas
Effects: Inhaling solvents will make user appear drunken and dazed. Red eyes and spots around the mouth and nose are typical signs of abuse. The effects are immediate and the 'buzz' lasts up to two hours

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Doctor claims 'emperor' Mao kept teenage harem

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE AND JONATHAN MIRSKY

MAO Tse Tung — portrayed as the epitome of ascetic living and cold baths in the Yangtse — was really a sexual dynamo with a voracious appetite for young girls, it has been claimed.

One hundred years after his birth, Mao's personal physician, Dr Li, says the Chinese leader took part in group sex sessions with "peasant-like and sexy" girls, preferably aged 16 to 20.

The man whose ideas of political correctness produced the hysterical fanaticism of the Cultural Revolution, was in reality a hypocrite procuring young women as concubines, according to a BBC *Timewatch* documentary to be broadcast next month to mark the centenary of Mao's birth.

The programme is likely to cause uproar in Peking at a critical juncture in Britain's negotiations with China over the future of Hong Kong. Mao's portrait still dominates Tiananmen Square in the Chinese capital, and any slur on his reputation could be seen as an insult to the regime of Deng Xiaoping.

"A sexual relationship with Mao was a glorious thing, the women felt. It was natural and an honour," Dr Li says in the programme, "Chairman Mao — the Untold Story".

Dr Li, who was Mao's physician between 1954 and 1976, when the leader died, moved to Chicago in 1988. He and other former Chinese officials portray a man who behaved more like an emperor than a simple-living man who hated cosmetics and "decadent" Western clothes.

Mao married at least four times, but brooked no dissent from his wives about his extra-marital activities, the programme says. The young women brought to him inside the Forbidden City were known as "playmates"; they were grilled about their political views and underwent medical checks before being allowed near Mao.



Meng: former mistress of Mao, now a writer

Mao also had a series of more long-lasting liaisons, including Zhang Yu Fang and Meng Jin Yun, known as Mistress Number One and Mistress Number Two, according to Dr Li. Both are now in their forties, Ms Zhang working in a factory and Ms Meng as a writer, the doctor says.

Jeremy Bennett, the programme's producer, said yesterday: "I don't want to cause problems between Britain and China. On the other hand, we have to tell the truth as we see it. I have always regarded Mao as in the mould of Chinese emperors and a man with his power, and quite clearly with an eye for the women, was likely to be behaving like this."

Mania for Mao memorabilia is spreading in China in the weeks leading to his centenary. Police were called to restore order among shoppers in Shanghai who began fighting over £1,000 diamond-studded Mao wristwatches, according to the official *China Daily*.

A new compact disc entitled "Voice of the Giant", features recordings of Mao addressing state meetings. About 5,000 copies of the CD sold out in three days at a Peking book fair, while the central Xinhua bookstore had to stock an additional 2,000 copies after its first 2,000 sold out, the newspaper said.

Memories of Mao are showing signs of causing dissent among China's leaders. According to a recent report, one of the few genuinely popular veteran leaders, Wan Li, 77, retired chairman of the National People's Congress, has warned that excessive celebration of the centenary could be a vehicle for "a handful" of devotees to undermine Deng's economic reforms.

Mao was "not a god", Mr Wan observed. He caused the "calamity" of the Cultural Revolution, between 1966 and 1976, and made other serious mistakes. Young people must be informed of these truths. Mr Wan said that China could not survive another "leftist" upheaval.

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A man looking at a tapestry of Mao Tse Tung, the late Chinese leader, at a carpet fair in Peking yesterday, where it is on sale for £7,000. A mania for Mao memorabilia is spreading with the approach of his centenary

Economic plan for China sticks to Deng policies

FROM DAN BIERS IN PEKING

THE Communist Party yesterday endorsed Deng Xiaoping's call to pursue unswervingly swift economic growth, and announced a "programme of action" for a new stage in China's economic revolution.

The announcement came at the end of a four-day meeting of the party's central committee, which had been called to plot the direction of China's economic reform programme before the death of its main architect. Deng is 89 and ailing. A communiqué issued by the party said the nation had to "speed up the process of establishing a socialist market economic system and bring about a sustained, swift and sound development of the national economy".

It took no note of soaring urban inflation or widening gaps between the rich and poor, caused by breakneck economic growth that has averaged 13 per cent annually since early 1992. Instead, the communiqué said "economic construction should be taken as the central task", albeit with new controls to try to order development. It also reaffirmed Deng's contention that some areas and people could get rich first in the rush to build up the world's most populous nation.

The blueprint for the next stage of development was contained in a 50-point document adopted at the meeting. The communiqué described it as "a programme of action to restructure the economy in the 1990s". China's official news media did not publish details.

So far, the economic reforms that began in 1978 have dismantled rural communes and allowed families to farm their own plots, removed price controls on most commodities, and encouraged private enterprise and foreign investment. The communiqué indicated that reforms will continue to focus on how to invigorate heavily subsidised state-owned enterprises. So far, efforts to prevent party officials from meddling in management and to make enterprises responsible for their business performance have largely failed.

Public ownership will continue to be the mainstay of China's economy, the communiqué said, contradicting a government-funded newspaper in Hong Kong that had reported the party was dropping the policy. Deng has always maintained that publicly owned companies should dominate the economy, even in a free-market system. *(AP)*

☐ ***Hong Kong:*** Chris Patten, the governor of the colony, yesterday signalled that he has been given cabinet authority to halt talks over Hong Kong's future if he cannot strike a deal with China in time. "The cabinet has a very clear idea of what our bottom line is, and if we cannot get there in the time that is available ... then I am afraid we will have to pull the plug on the talks," he said in a BBC interview. *(PA)*

UK turning blind eye to Indochina



Michael Meacher, just returned from Vietnam and Cambodia, urges Britain to invest politically and economically in the region

INDOCHINA is being reborn. Yet as the last British troops with the United Nations transitional authority leave Cambodia, and as Vietnam's economy opens to the West, Britain's aid, trade and investment in the region is lagging.

Britain's £380,000 aid to Vietnam last year was only 0.25 per cent of the world total. Apart from small-scale oil and gas exploration by BP and Clyde Petroleum, Britain's trade and investment is negligible.

In Cambodia, Britain's £709,000 aid last year was slightly more than 1 per cent of the total. Private-sector funding is beginning to develop, but mainly from Japan and Australia; Europe is far behind.

Reconstruction faces huge obstacles. The good news is that there is more political stability now than over the past three decades. The bad news is that the government is bankrupt and the Khmer Rouge is far from finished.

For the West the time for action is now. The priorities are funding for infrastructure, delivery of development aid already promised, making safe the most heavily mined country in the world, and consolidation of the political and military structures to counter any renascent Khmer Rouge. The message should be clear: a failure to provide aid now risks a return to civil war.

This is also the time for Western commitment to Vietnam. It has never had a conventional communist government, but rather an intensely nationalist party with socialist overtones, committed to national independence and self-determination. That explains the pragmatic introduction of far-reaching agrarian reforms in 1986 which ushered in a period of unbroken economic expansion culminating in a 7.5 per cent growth rate last year.

Yet problems abound. Unemployment is high in the 16 to 30-year age range. Health and education standards are slipping badly.

Michael Meacher is Labour MP for Oldham West.

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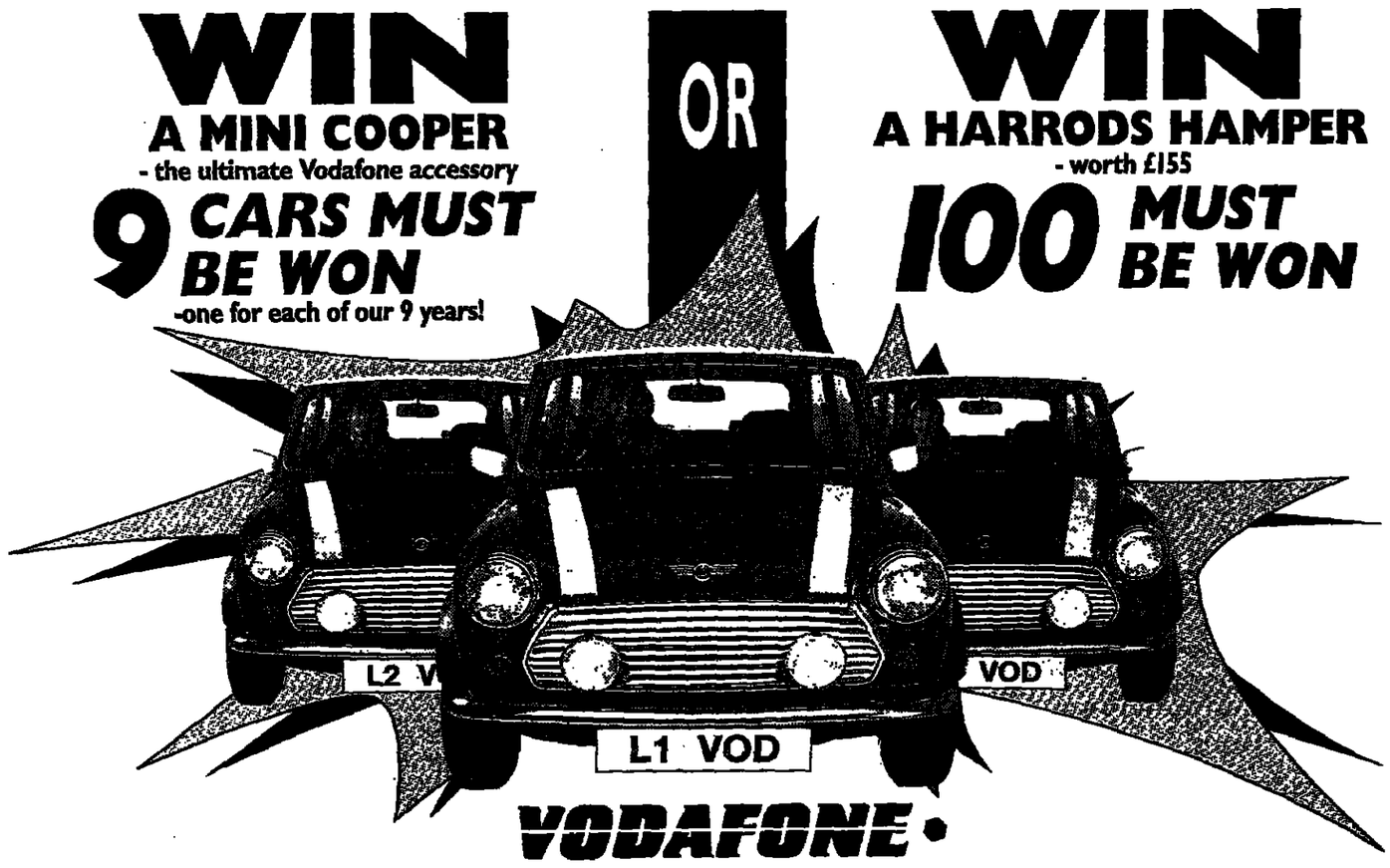
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Protests mar opening of German war memorial

■ Helmut Kohl laid a wreath at his country's first national war memorial. Even now, the open mourning of Germany's war dead stirs passions and controversy

BY ROGER BOYES IN BONN AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

GERMANY'S leaders yesterday marked Remembrance Sunday with an attempt to shrug off controversy, opening the first national war memorial in Berlin. To the strains of an army trumpeter playing Brahms, President von Weizsäcker and Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, laid wreaths at the former Prussian guardhouse, the Neue Wache.

The ceremony was interrupted by demonstrators shouting "German evil-doers are not victims!" and "Nazis get out!". They clashed repeatedly with 800 riot police, who detained eight protesters, forcibly removing several of them from the crowd. One elderly man was carried away while shouting "Nazis out!" The demonstrators included anti-fascists and anti-racists, as well as members of Berlin's Jewish community.

The five-minute ceremony, held in a downpour of rain and snow on Germany's National Day of Mourning for its war dead, was boycotted by the Berlin Jewish community and several prominent Berlin politicians.

Elsewhere, police arrested nearly 100 right-wing extremists who sought to use the day to glorify the exploits of Hitler's forces. Ten extremists were arrested at a war cemetery in Halbe, about 25 miles south of Berlin. Another 86 were arrested in North Rhine-Westphalia, en route to Halbe.

The Berlin memorial had drawn fierce criticism from Jews. A sculpture portraying a mother with her dead son was regarded as an exclusively Christian symbol. An inscription to the "victims of war and tyranny" was said by Jerzy Kanal, chairman of the Berlin Jewish community to equate dead German soldiers with murdered Jews. Others joined in the protest; Romany organisations complained that gypsies had been overlooked.

For a while, it seemed as if the memorial would not be unveiled until Remembrance Sunday next year — or that the ceremony would have to be conducted with an embarrassing absence of Jewish delegates. A new inscription was proposed: "To the dead — the fallen, the murdered, the gassed, the missing". But that, too, seemed to suggest an equation between soldiers — "the fallen" — and their victims, "the gassed".

Finally, after months of tense negotiations, most of the protesting organisations were satisfied with a long inscription that explicitly pays tribute to "millions of murdered Jews", to murdered gypsies, and those who were killed for their religious beliefs, for their political resistance, for their homosexuality, or because they were physically or mentally handicapped. Some Jewish representatives still have doubts, but a full-scale boycott of yesterday's ceremony was avoided.

The dispute illustrates how sensitive the rewriting of German history has become. Herr Kohl wants united Germany to be a "normal" state, which can openly mourn its dead, and celebrate historical traditions. The memorial — near Berlin's Brandenburg Gate — was designed as an army guardhouse and was converted to a war monument after the first world war.

Herr Kohl wanted to establish a historical continuity. But the Jewish community, and others, see real dangers — of collective amnesia.

Princess in Ulster, page 1



German police in Berlin removing a demonstrator who was protesting about yesterday's opening of the country's first national memorial for "the victims of war and tyranny". After months of negotiation the inscription was amended in response to the demands of protest groups

Economic forecast dims Kohl optimism

BY ROGER BOYES

GERMANY'S economic prospects for the coming year are far less rosy than predicted earlier by the Bonn government. The bleak outlook, projected by the influential advisory council of five "wise men" at the weekend, is sure to influence the many state, European, and national elections in 1994, and there are signs that Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, is preparing to shift his campaign strategy.

The five senior economic specialists forecast more than four million jobless Germans by the end of next year, zero growth, and only a hesitant recovery in 1995. Five of six leading economic institutes said last month that next year should see growth of 1.5 per cent, and that the number of unemployed would rise by only about 400,000 to 3.7 million.

The wise men are often regarded as more credible than the institutes, who last year understated the depth of the German recession. Although the experts gave some support to the politicians — they urged, for example that workers in export-orientated businesses should not be given a pay rise this winter — the government will now have to rethink the way it intends to fight the general elections in October. It had assumed that the economy would start to bounce back in the middle of next year and that optimism would benefit Herr Kohl's Christian Democrats.

An opinion poll published today shows that the Christian Democrats are lagging behind the opposition Social Democrats on key issues such as housing and the environment. Business leaders also say that they have more confidence in Rudolf Scharping, the Social Democrat leader, than in Herr Kohl.

An internal poll conducted by the Christian Democrats put their national support at barely over 26 per cent. The chancellor has told his party executive that he can increase this to more than the critical 40 per cent mark. If the Free Democrats gain between 8 and 9 per cent of the vote, and stay within the governing coalition, Herr Kohl would be sure of retaining power.

Coldstream service marked by gunfire

FROM MALCOLM BRABANT IN GORNJI VAKUF

INSTEAD of a cenotaph they had two white oil drums, but Number One Company, Coldstream Guards brought all the precision and discipline of a Remembrance Sunday parade to a muddy field at their frontline camp.

A specially negotiated ceasefire was supposed to be in force, but *The Last Post* was accompanied by the crump of a mortar half a mile away. There was another explosion during the two-minute silence. Robert Green, the padre, was also interrupted by sporadic gunfire as he led prayers, including one for peacekeepers trying to resolve conflict.

The shooting posed no threat to the 125 on parade, but increasing tension between the Croat and Muslim forces meant it was too risky to stage the ceremony on the bridge in Gornji Vakuf, where Lance Corporal Wayne Edwards, 21, was killed earlier this year. Plans by Lieutenant Colonel Peter Williams, the officer commanding, to lay a wreath at the memorial stone where Edwards fell also had to be cancelled. A large oakleaf wreath dedicated to the only British soldier killed in action in Bosnia-Herzegovina was laid by the oil drums beneath the Union flag, the United Nations emblem and the Guards' colours.

Though the British camp is frequently hit by stray and not so stray rounds, to the Coldstreamers the parade was never in doubt. Colonel Williams said: "It's always important to soldiers because it's a day in which we remember it's not just an ordinary job that we do. It's a job that has a degree of risk and it behoves us to have respect for those who've gone before us."

With the parade over, so was the ceasefire. A Croat offensive against the Muslim-occupied town was expected.

Psychiatric patients take charge of their asylum

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psychotic maniacs. Today is the worst we've had since the staff left." He looks exhausted — his eyes hollowed, his skin translucent grey even in the darkness.

"There's no hygiene, no drugs, no hot water, no power. They're getting worse. They fight each other over anything — usually cigarettes. We try to protect them, but they wander off and return with bullets and grenades," he said.

The patients are doing their best to look after each other. The less insane chaperone those in worse states. Most are so institutionalised they follow the set procedure of the past with little coercion, to the point where the more violent, who are used to being locked in a detached unit at night, continue to file away as the light goes and lock themselves up. Troops appear with food donated by the High Commissioner for Refugees, which the patients cook for themselves. This task they perform, after a fashion, on a makeshift log stove in the forecourt.

They try to wash their own laundry with less success. Five bathtubs filled with filth lay in the snow outside, raised on brick mountings above the soaked ashes of fires, while rows of frost-stiffened clothes hung futilely on the wire fence to dry.

"I get anybody who can handle it, who is not too sick, to help me", Marko Kraljevic, a 50-year-old "trustee", said in English. "But it's very, very difficult," he added miserably.

The United Nations has discounted evacuation as impractical. "Where can we take them?" asked Major Per Holt Jessen, the Dutch commander at Fojnica. "Visoko? There is shelling there. Kiseljak? There is shelling there. Both places are already packed with refugees."

So the UN has tried to broker a ceasefire, as yet unsuccessfully, and tries to find the staff and encourage them to return.

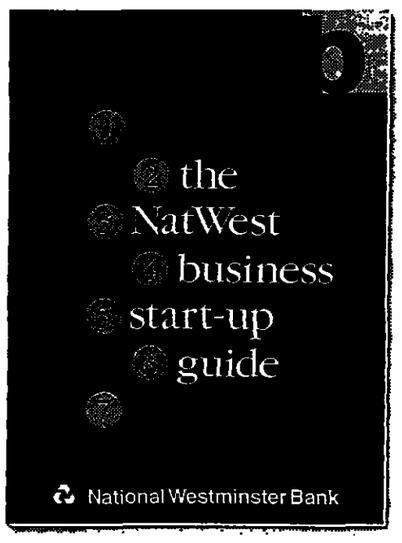
The next morning we accompanied an armoured patrol into Fojnica in an attempt to locate some of them. Five staff members were found for the children's hospital in Fojnica, none for Bakovici. An armoured personnel carrier gathered enough bread for the day, then returned.

The next morning further craters splattered the road by the asylum and a Croat flag fluttered from a telegraph pole, indicating an overnight advance. "The worst thing is that the patients don't realise how bad things are," a soldier said. "Without enough fuel and food soon a lot will die."

A patient had died overnight, a 74-year-old bed-bound woman. Two Danish soldiers passed the frightened, wrinkled faces in the beds to each side of the corpse, and laid it on a stretcher. "She probably froze," one remarked.

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Portuguese police accused of torture

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE

POLICE in Portugal are still torturing prisoners nearly 20 years after the country ceased to be a dictatorship, Amnesty International says in a report issued today.

The country's law enforcement organisations have been accused of "acting with virtual impunity", according to the rights group's report to the United Nations. "The most common forms of torture and ill-treatment alleged have been repeated kicks, punches, kneeing, pistol-whipping and beatings with truncheons."

The allegations were made as the UN Committee Against Torture prepares to examine Portugal's record on rights abuses tomorrow. The Lisbon regime joined the UN Convention against Torture in 1989, and the committee is to look at its performance since then.

Most claims of torture come from people arrested for ordinary criminal offences. "In certain cases, detainees have reported beatings with rubber and flexible metal hosepipes," Amnesty says. "Others have claimed to have ... been threatened with physical, including sexual, assault. Racial abuse has been common. In most cases, allegations have been supported by substantive medical and forensic evidence," Amnesty says.

The organisation criticises Portugal for being slow to investigate allegations of torture, and it decries the small number of cases in which offenders are brought to justice and the "nominal" sentences given "in the exceptional cases in which offenders are held accountable for serious crimes of torture and ill-treatment".

A spokesman for the Portuguese government last night said that "arrogance in the police forces" was a legacy of the country's 40 years of dictatorship. Ana Gomes, political counsellor at the Portuguese embassy, said: "It is a hangover of attitudes after the dictatorship. Portugal knows much has to be done to change social behaviour in the police forces."

Accusations of 'supergrass' challenged by Milan judges

FROM REUTER IN ROME

AFTER claims that they were themselves being secretly investigated over alleged Mafia links, judges leading Italy's assault on political corruption said yesterday that they had become victims of a smear campaign.

"It is clear that someone is trying to get at us," said Francesco Saverio Borrelli, the chief prosecutor in Milan, centre of the 21-month-old "Clean Hands" bribery investigation that has unleashed a political revolution in Italy. "We don't know who, but the Milan investigations have touched very big interests and this is the reaction," he said.

Last week a Mafia "supergrass" who is co-operating with judges fighting organised crime in Florence told Milan judges that they were being secretly investigated by their Florentine colleagues. One of those named by the supergrass is Antonio Di Pietro, the best known of the Milan magistrates. Pier Luigi Vigna, the Florence prosecutor, has denied that he is investigating Signor Di Pietro and says the accusation could be part of an attempt to discredit the magistrates in Milan.

His denial, however, has failed to damp down the controversy. Armando Spataro, a Milan anti-Mafia judge also named by the supergrass, yesterday demanded "a clear and unequivocal answer" from his colleagues in Florence.

The supergrass, whose name has not been disclosed, said the four Milan judges were part of an investigation into a Mafia arms and drugs trafficking centre put out of operation last year. In October 1992 police arrested 17 people and seized weapons and drugs when they raided the centre. Signor Di Pietro worked as a policeman near the centre in the 1980s.

Political commentators say it is not clear that the Florence prosecutors are genuinely carrying out a secret investigation. They believe the controversy could be a huge disinformation operation aimed at discrediting the judges. "The attack is aimed directly at the Milan judges," *Corriere della Sera* said in an editorial yesterday, adding: "It is even more dangerous than recent episodes that have led to cries of an attack against the republic."

Italy has been rocked in recent weeks by accusations by former secret service agents that President Scalfaro received money from a slush fund when he was interior minister in the 1980s. He strongly denies the allegations.

The nationwide corruption scandal developed with Signor Di Pietro's arrest of a low-ranking Milan city official in February 1992. It has ravaged all of Italy's main political parties, which are accused of raking in bribes worth millions. The judges have won increasing public backing for their investigations.

Cult members fail to attend end of world

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

THE end of the world passed peacefully in Kiev yesterday, although it may only have been deferred until next week. It had been predicted by the White Brotherhood, a cult that claims to have 150,000 members in Russia and Ukraine; planned demonstrations and feared mass suicides by the cult members failed to occur.

Ukrainian police arrested three cult members for spreading propaganda, but the few hundred people who gathered outside St Sophia's Cathedral were almost all reporters, idle onlookers, or parents looking for children who have joined the cult and disappeared.

On Wednesday at the cathedral, there was a riot involving cult supporters and police in which several people were injured and precious icons were damaged. Police have arrested about 600 cult members and have taken custody of several children brought into the cult by their families. Predictions that cult members would die yesterday and be resurrected prompted the fears of mass suicides.

The leaders of the cult are Marina Tsvygun, who calls herself Maria Devi Christos, and her husband, Yuri Krivonogov, alias Holy Father. Both are in police custody — she charged with hooliganism, he with extortion and fraud.

They are continuing to predict the end of the world from their cells. The original date set by them was November 24, so police are not lowering their guard. The interior ministry says that Mr Krivonogov used to work in a secret military institute devoted to hypnosis and mind-altering drugs.



Tsvygun: made new 'doomsday' forecast



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Mexican workers fear Nafta sustains years of US exploitation

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN TIJUANA

FEW stories exemplify the exploitation of Mexican workers by their American employers and their anxieties over the North American Free Trade Agreement in starker terms than that of Luz Elena Corona, from Tijuana, a town of sprawling slums across the border from San Diego.

Señora Corona, 39, used to work in a *maquiladora*, an assembly plant, usually owned by an American company. Last December, when she was three months pregnant, she told her supervisor on the night shift that she was bleeding and needed to rest and see a doctor. The supervisor ordered her to return to her machine. At 6 am she had a haemorrhage and subsequently suffered a miscarriage. Several weeks later, after complaining, she was forced to resign from her $1-an-hour job at Plasticos Bajacal, making coathangers.

Her story has added to the outrage felt on both sides of the US-Mexican border about the work practices at the *maquiladoras* and specifically about Nafta, since it could lead to more American companies setting up cheap production centres across the border. Congressional opponents fear that with Nafta the United States would lose competitiveness to Mexico.

Señora Corona lives in a small wooden shack off a dirt road with her husband, Eduardo Castillo, who still works at Plasticos Bajacal, and their four children. Tijuana's shanty towns stretch to the south over arid hills and valleys. Not all have electricity; only a few have running water and depend for supplies on a water lorry that drives by each night to fill the tanks.

But what is most astonishing about these slums is the presence of the ultra-modern *maquiladoras* between them. Paved, tree-lined and well illuminated roads lead to the plants. All this masquerade is only a few yards away from the most abject poverty.

The plight of Mexican workers would be of little interest in the United States if it was not for America's own economic difficulties, which are magnified by the impact of jobs lost to Mexico. The trouble with Mexico is the absence of a mechanism, which would allow for a rise in wages and, as importantly, a mechanism that would link wages to productivity. The result is continued loss of jobs in the United States, and workers' exploitation in Mexico.

Opposition to Nafta is particularly strong in San Diego, a marine and naval town which is already hard hit by military cutbacks. Duncan Hunter, San Diego's congressman and a conservative Republican, is against Nafta, a rare case in which he stands shoulder to shoulder with the trade unions and against his party leadership. He said: "Mexico needs a good dose of political freedom. Its problems go deeper that the 4 per cent tariff barrier."

Mexico is not a democracy in the sense that is understood in the West. President Salinas's party has ruled the country for 64 years, and while his own tenure is limited to one term, he has the right to pick his own successor. Unlike other central American countries, Mexican law has extensive provisions for workers' protection, but the rules are frequently flouted.

US trade unionists are angry about the Democratic Party's support for a treaty which they will believe will damage their members. Jo Francis, a San Diego chief union official, said: "This is the first time in our history that a trade policy has hit the grassroots level." He said there was a considerable amount of bitterness about the president supporting Nafta. "Whatever happens on Wednesday, it will not be forgotten," he warned.

In Mexico, support for Nafta generally runs higher than in the United States, although this is not the case in the border region, which is affected by the *maquiladoras*. The regional newspaper of Baja California, *El Mexicano*, wrote an editorial against Nafta on the grounds that it would worsen the environmental damage caused by the *maquiladoras*. Time and again, there are reports about toxic waste dumps. Some waste goes into the Pacific Ocean, causing pollution of San Diego's shoreline.

Mexico's progress towards a Western style free-market democracy is slow. Today in Tijuana the workers at Plasticos Bajacal are finally due to receive a hearing at the local conciliation and arbitration board about their request to form a trade union at their plant. One of their chief representatives is Señora Corona, who has spent most of her time since her dismissal fighting for a right that most people elsewhere would take for granted.

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Washington: Mickey Kantor, the US trade representative, said yesterday that the White House was still 12 votes short of the 218 it needed for victory in the Nafta vote in Congress (Martin Fletcher writes). David Bonior, the Democratic chief whip who is leading congressional opposition, insisted he had 222 votes, four more than required to defeat the agreement. As he worked frantically to avoid what would be a devastating defeat, President Clinton promised at the weekend to defend Republican congressmen against Democratic challengers in next year's congressional elections if the Republicans' support for Nafta was to be used against them. Mr Clinton needs backing from 120 Republicans to defeat Nafta opponents in his party.

Clinton invokes King in plea for inner-city peace

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

IN A weekend speech of rare passion and spontaneity, President Clinton stood in the Memphis pulpit where Martin Luther King delivered his last sermon and grieved at the "great crisis of the spirit gripping America today".

Setting aside his prosaic pitches for the North American Free Trade Agreement and health-care reform, Mr Clinton declared that the great civil rights leader would be appalled if he could return today and see the violence, crime and social disintegration that have turned America's predominantly black inner cities into killing grounds.

"He would say 'I did not live and die to see the American family destroyed. I did not live and die to see 13-year-old boys get automatic weapons and gun down nine-year-olds just for the kick of it. I did not live and die to see young people destroy their own lives with drugs and then build fortunes destroying the lives of others'," Mr Clinton said.

"He would say 'I fought for freedom, but not for the freedom of people to kill each other with reckless abandonment, not for the freedom of children to have children and the fathers of the children to walk away from them and abandon them as if they didn't amount to anything. I fought for people to have the right to work, but not to have whole communities abandoned ... I did not fight for the right of black people to murder other black people with reckless abandonment'."

The intensity of his words drew sustained applause from a black congregation of 5,000. Mr Clinton's motorcade reached the huge church through a grim black south Memphis ghetto. He used the pulpit where Dr King had declared the night before his assassination in 1968 that he had seen the promised land but "may not get there with you". The motel where he died was a mile away.

In Washington alone 16 blacks have died in the past nine days, one shot dead as he fled from gunmen with a year-old child in his arms, and Mr Clinton quoted a *Washington Post* story about the capital's black teenagers planning their own funerals.

He protested that 37,000 Americans a year were shot dead, that gunfire was the leading cause of death among young men, and that 160,000 children avoided school daily for fear of violence.

Mr Clinton believes the crisis has reached such a pitch that America is finally willing to confront it. Last week Congress took serious steps towards gun control and, the president said, government had to provide the employment that "gives structure and discipline to life".

Ex-seminarian accuses cardinal of sex attack

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE Roman Catholic Church in the United States has been forced, once again, to confront the epidemic of accusations of sexual impropriety by some clergy.

Last weekend saw two more scandals unfold: a cardinal in Chicago who has long campaigned against clerical sex abuse was himself accused of molesting a teenager, while a centre for wayward priests agreed to pay $8 million (£5.4 million) to people claiming they were abused by a priest who was released into the community after treatment for paedophilia.

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, Archbishop of Chicago, 65, is the most prominent Catholic cleric to be accused of sexual misconduct. Steven Cook, 34, a former seminary student, is claiming $10 million damages, saying that he was sexually assaulted by the cardinal 17 years ago. He has also accused an Ohio priest of molesting him.

The cardinal said he could not recall ever having met Mr Cook, who has Aids. "I am not guilty ... All my life I have lived a chaste and celibate life," he added.

Priestly sex abuse is receiving much attention, partly because of the case of James Porter, a former priest who pleaded guilty last month to abusing 28 children during the 1960s. Mr Porter will be sentenced next month; the centre in New Mexico that treated him for paedophilia in 1967 has agreed to make reparation for failing to warn parishioners of his tendencies after he returned to work as a priest.



Benazir Bhutto, the prime minister of Pakistan, with Farooq Leghari in Islamabad yesterday after his swearing-in as the country's new president

Bhutto candidate elected Pakistan's president

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN LAHORE

THE demonstrably fair and impartial election of Sardar Farooq Leghari, an Oxford-educated tribal leader, as Pakistan's new president at the weekend has strengthened the country's young democracy and bolstered the position of Benazir Bhutto, the prime minister.

Pakistan is enjoying greater democratic expression than at any time in its turbulent 46-year history, half of it spent under military rule. The army, which was impartial in last month's general election, was equally neutral in the presidential poll. Mr Leghari, aged 53, is the first president elected through normal constitutional processes. He was Miss Bhutto's foreign minister until being sworn in as president yesterday. Even among political opponents, he is a respected statesman. He was a close political ally of Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto, Miss Bhutto's father, who was hanged by the army in 1979, and spent four years in jail rather than co-operate with Zia-ul Haq, the late dictator.

The presidency is invested with immense powers, which were used with destructive effect by the last elected incumbent, Ghulam Ishaq Khan, who sacked Miss Bhutto's government in 1990 and earlier this year dismissed the government of Mian Nawaz Sharif. President Leghari wants parliament to reduce some presidential powers in order to tip the scales back towards the prime minister and parliament.

One concern is that, as a close ally of Miss Bhutto's, he might be tempted to make decisions in her favour, even though he is meant to be impartial. Mr Sharif expressed that concern yesterday, but not volubly.

The indirect election, held among members of the National Assembly and the four provincial assemblies, gave President Leghari a decisive victory, reflecting the support he enjoys among independents and small parties. This is the first time since Zia twisted the 1973 constitution that the president and prime minister have come from the same political party.

Miss Bhutto, although heading a vulnerable coalition government, is now in a powerful position. Punjab and Sindh, the two most important provinces, are under her control; the right-wing clergy was crushed in the general election; and the army appears genuinely neutral.

President Leghari, head of the Leghari tribe, says he wants to forsake the power to sack the prime minister, which Zia introduced. A Supreme Court ruling last May questioned that power, but its formal scrapping would remove any confusion over the principal centre of authority.



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Puerto Rico holds vote on its status

BY DAVID ADAMS

PUERTO Ricans voted yesterday in a tightly contested plebiscite over the country's political status — the choices being: to become the 51st state of the United States, to remain as an American commonwealth or to strike out for independence.

Polls suggest that statehood will win by a narrow margin over the status quo, with independence far behind, expected to draw only 6 per cent of the vote. The campaign for statehood has been boosted by Pedro Rossello, the governor. But even if the "statehooders" win, the final decision will be up to the US Congress, where there is little support for the idea.

Spanish is the official language and only one in four Puerto Ricans speak English well. The island was colonised by Spain, but was captured by the United States in the Spanish-American War. Since 1952, it has enjoyed a "free-associated status" with America, which offered what commonwealth proponents say is "the best of both worlds".

This status brought jobs and social-welfare programmes. At the same time Puerto Rico's commonwealth status has preserved enough local sovereignty for islanders to avoid paying American taxes and to have their own Olympic team.

Under the current status, Puerto Ricans have no voting rights in American elections and are not directly represented in the US Congress. If it were to become a state, Puerto Rico would have two US senators, and at least six members in the House of Representatives.

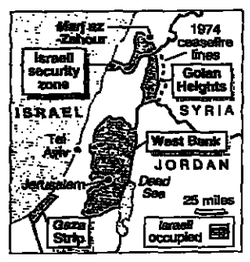
Settler's murder condemned

Arafat apology saves peace process

BY RICHARD BEESTON

THE Middle East peace process appeared to be back on course yesterday, after Israel welcomed the condemnation by Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, of the murder of a Jewish settler last month by members of his Fatah faction.

However, several leading figures in the left-wing Israeli coalition government said that the veteran Palestinian guerrilla chief had not gone far enough in his denunciation of violence, and urged Mr Arafat to tighten his control over Palestinian activists in the occupied territories. Also yesterday, another potentially disruptive dispute resurfaced between the two sides when Nabil Shaath, the chief Palestinian negotiator, said in Cairo that an agreement would not be finalised by the December 13 deadline unless Israel guaranteed that it would release all the thousands of Palestinian security prisoners now in jail.



On Friday the future of the delicate Israeli-Palestinian negotiations was thrown into doubt after the Israeli army accused five Palestinians loyal to Mr Arafat's main Fatah group for the killing of Haim Mizrahi, who was abducted last month near his settlement at Bet El.

After a demand in Washington from Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, and his host, President Clinton, the PLO chairman issued a statement on Saturday condemning the murder and calling for an end to violence.

For Shimon Peres, the foreign minister who negotiated the peace agreement signed with the PLO, Mr Arafat's reaction was enough to proceed with talks planned for today between Israel and PLO security officials in Cairo, and seperate negotiations on economic co-operation scheduled to open in Paris. "Under no circumstances will we let just anyone who takes out a knife or gun kill the peace process," said Mr Peres.

But more hawkish members of the government, reflecting growing public scepticism for the peace agreement, were less optimistic. "It was a good idea to send this letter, but it was far from enough. First of all Arafat has to speak himself, use his own words, and tell his people directly to stop terrorist activity, which he has still not done," said Mordechai Gur, the deputy defence minister.

The problem of Palestinian hardliners trying to undermine the peace accord with violence has been compounded by a resurgence of vigilante action by Jewish settlers, who shot and wounded a Palestinian over the weekend when they tried to burn down the poultry farm where Mizrahi was seized.

☐ **Tunis:** The Fatah faction has named committees to take over from Israel in the Gaza Strip and West Bank. Fatah's Revolutionary Council also formally approved the peace deal with Israel. *(Reuter)*

Jericho dig unearths ancient passions

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERICHO

SCORES of Israeli archaeologists began a massive search of the occupied West Bank yesterday in a final effort to uncover valuable antiquities before the area is transferred to Palestinian rule under the peace accord.

In a move condemned by Palestinians as a plunder of their heritage, 19 teams of historians and archaeologists scoured ancient remains and biblical sites in the Judean desert and the southern tip of the Jordan valley in an effort to locate possible areas for excavation. Above this Palestinian oasis town, which claims to be the oldest in the world and will soon become the seat of a new Palestinian government, Israelis working for the national antiquities authority could be seen searching ancient caves.

"We have begun a large expedition with the aim of making a detailed survey of the area to decide where to begin excavations," said an authority spokeswoman. "We are looking for any major historical artifacts, possibly another find like the Dead Sea Scrolls." The collection of Hebrew manuscripts, which was discovered by a bedouin shepherd in a nearby cave at Qumran in 1947, are considered the most valuable contemporary find in the area. It is widely assumed that similar treasures are buried in the Jordan valley.

Nevertheless, the operation drew immediate condemnation from Palestinians and left-wing Israelis, who said archaeological digs on occupied land were banned under international law and that the timing of the current search could jeopardise future Israeli-Palestinian co-operation in cultural and historical fields. Anat Maor, an MP of the left-wing Meretz party, a junior member of the coalition government, said that Israel was breaking the provisions of international agreements it had signed.

Palestinians said they would demand the return of any archaeological artifacts uncovered in the West Bank. Israel conducted similar digs during its occupation of the Sinai Peninsula, but subsequently agreed to return the items to Egypt after a peace accord with Cairo.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Khrushchev envoys 'had atom bomb'

New York: President Kennedy once told dinner guests that the Soviet Union had an atomic bomb "in the attic of the Soviet embassy" in Washington, *Time* magazine reported. The weapon was apparently made with parts smuggled in diplomatic bags.

The late president had just completed a stressful 1961 summit with Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet leader, said Hugh Sidey, who was at the Palm Beach dinner party. It is not known if Kennedy's remark was in earnest. *(Reuter)*

Student protest

Paris: Thousands of students and professors are expected to take to French streets today to demonstrate against crowded and rundown conditions in universities, capping a three-week protest over staff and spending cuts. *(Reuter)*

Tehran denial

Dubai: Iran has denied a report in *The Times* that it is working with Syria to produce cruise missiles. "Iran and Syria have never had any joint plan to produce ... cruise missiles," the Iranian news agency said, quoting a government source. *(Reuter)*

Brandy attack

Montpellier: A teacher who doused his wife with brandy and set her on fire has been charged with attempted murder. Marie-Josée Laux was in intensive care with third-degree burns., while her husband, Francis, was in custody near this southern French city. *(AP)*

The Milk Tray Man too macho? Not for this unreconstructed devotee of gallantry, derring-do and muscle-tone

Come on, show us your chests

Tonight in your living-room, after 26 years of abseiling down skyscrapers and scaling castle walls to deliver chocolates to his ladylove, the Milk Tray Man is tamed. Ms. Wall, marketing manager of Cadbury's, has decided that today's viewer wants a "less aloof, aggressive and macho hero". So tonight he turns up with his chockies, lays them on the coffee-table, and finds that the lady — being modern, independent and not to be bought — has got him a present of her own. It is a nice colourful sweater to replace his black SAS polo-neck.

Today's woman, you see, is thought to be scornful of Richard Hannay and Rhett Butler. She wants something in a cosy jumper: like, say, Gyles Brandreth. You get the idea. They have hired a more caring-looking actor to do the part, with a nice little apologetic quizzical grin.

These advertising mini-series take on a life of their own, though. Once he gets his patterned woolly on, the man in black will start to change. It will be gradual, of course: at first he will jump out of the helicopter, scale the cliff, hand over the chocs then strongly and silently reach out for the drying-up cloth and begin wiping the ramekin-dishes. Later we will see him bending his perfect physique in silhouette with storm-clouds behind as he fastens the baby-chair into the family saloon. Then we shall see him braving slippery pavements and threatening music as he trudges to Boots' for his woman's favourite support-hose.

Mind, the manufacturers could run into trouble here: before they know it, this man will be bringing ever smaller boxes of confectionery, and handing them over with a caring little lecture about Mrs Virginia Bottomley's latest warnings on the dangers of obesity. Take one brick out of the fantasy edifice and the whole damned lot could tumble down.

Eventually it will get to the point where he is so liberated that he realizes that displays of macho climbing prowess are, in fact, a subtle form of sexual threat and therefore illegal. By which time he will have far too well-raised a consciousness to harass the girl with chocolates, bearing as they do the hateful implication that she is a woman without physical self-control who will indulge in any unhealthy carnal wickedness at the drop of a praline.

Besides, he won't have any money. In his new incarnation,



LIBBY PURVES

this man has enough inner personal strength and freedom from role-stereotypes to let her support him out of her earnings while he takes an aromatherapy course and writes his book on the menopause. And all because the lady, feeling a bit sheepish when stopped in the street, fled to some market research that she liked sensitive men more than hunks.

Well, it was not quite a lie. We do like men to notice when we have a headache, and to be handy with a frying-pan. There is certainly an oafish type of machismo, ending in violence or aping war, with which most women are no longer comfortable. But the Milk Tray man, for heaven's sake, never hurt a fly. He just dived through the sharks, put his chocs on the table and fled the scene with a fetchingly inarticulate shyness. Oh, my fluttering heart, my Mills, my Boon! Show me a woman who does not respond to such a mixture of efficiency, dash, muscle-tone and reverence for her feminine mystery and I will show you a Wimmin's Outreach Co-ordinator in the London Borough of Brent, circa 1979.

We do, oh we do, appreciate the odd bit of bravado and strength and daring displayed in our honour. To ban such showing-off to men is as sad as to ban women from flirting an eyelash or flashing a leg. These things are immemorial parts of courtship.

I have never forgotten the sight of an achingly independent nanny we once had (her normal boyfriends looked like Woody Allen) spending all afternoon yearning up a beech tree at two tree-surgeons stripped to the waist as they plied their heavy, roaring chainsaws and swung from branch to branch. I myself once made a major miscalculation in rejecting a curly-haired lad at university who listened all evening to my troubles: I thought him a softy. Until one May morning when he had given up the chase, and I saw him rip off his shirt and dive from a bridge to fetch his girlfriend's blown-off hat. Curses! All that could have been mine...

I suppose, though, that there has always been a tendency to warn us against such weakness. Women's magazines favour stories in which the heroine, bruised by a dashing louse, finds true happiness with bespectacled, stuttering Godfrey from Accounts. By and large we do settle for men with a high Godfrey-quotient. Even so, we are not averse to the sight of him at the helm of a square-rigger, or sawing logs, or diving for our hats.

Anyway, has it not occurred to Cadbury's that it is the men they are selling to? And that they certainly prefer being Richard Hannay, even when they are quite clearly Gyles or Godfrey? Leave us our dreams, Ms Wall.

My secret years with Cyril Cusack



Family image — Cusack with Sorcha, Sinéad and Niamh

For the first time the 'other woman' in the life of one of Britain's most eminent actors tells her story of their passionate affair. Julia Llewellyn Smith reports

On St Valentine's Day, 1963, Cyril Cusack went to Peter Jones in Sloane Square and bought three pairs of seamed silk stockings for his mistress. They cost him £1 18s 9d. Thirty years later, the stockings are still untouched. They sit in their original paper bag, in a huge cardboard box, next to hundreds of letters written in a neat, illegible hand, all neatly tucked in their envelopes.

Lesley Aird Passow last saw Cusack 25 years ago, but she keeps every letter that the tiny Irish actor ever sent her. She also has the programme from every play she saw him perform in, and every script used for testing his lines.

She keeps a file of press cuttings about him and his four successful actress daughters, Sinéad, Sorcha, Niamh and Catherine. Whenever his films, such as *The Day of the Jackal* and *The Taming of the Shrew* are on television, she is glued to the screen.

Their affair ended 30 years ago and the last time he wrote to her he was curt and dismissive. But she still cried when she heard of his death, at the age of 82, last month.

Mrs Aird Passow does not look like a sentimental woman. She is a handsome 57-year-old, who wears Blue Grass by Elizabeth Arden and breeds champion cocker spaniels. She lives alone in London and takes no nonsense. Her way of speaking is pure BBC and she snorts at the "antis" who attack her for hunting and wearing a mink coat.

Nor, by any stretch of the imagination, could she be described as a kiss-and-tell bimbo. She shudders at the thought of comparisons between herself and "that dreadful Antonia de Sancha". She does not want money, nor does she want revenge on her dead lover. All she wants is to let the world know that for two years she and Cusack were in love, a love she feels was impossible at the time, but could have flourished today.

The couple met when she was a 19-year-old student and studying Irish art in Cork. He was 25 years older and was lodging in her home with his wife, Maureen, and their three young children Sinéad, Paul and Sorcha, while acting at the Opera House in one of his best-known roles: Christy Mahon in *The Playboy of the Western World*. Mrs Aird Passow says she adored the family and her cardboard box is full of photographs of them.

Eight years later, after a disastrous marriage and a quick divorce, Mrs Aird Passow began to work as a model for Aage Thaarup, then the royal milliner, and returned to Ireland for a photo shoot. There she visited the Cusacks at their seaside home at Dalkey. "From then on we became friendly — but only friendly," she says. "I admired Cyril but in the very innocent way of those days, there was nothing sexual about it."

For two years they continued to be just friendly. Then, during one of Mrs Aird Passow's visits, Mrs Cusack went into hospital to have her fourth child, Padraig. "The children were asleep and I was sitting at the window, watching the mountains getting dark, and he came in, having had quite a few drinks," she says. "He put his arms around me from the back of the chair and that was how it all began."

When she returned to England soon afterwards, Cusack followed. For the next two years they were almost never apart, staying in a series of hotels as he acted around the country. When they were in London they rented a "dreary little flat in Chelsea". When they were apart Cusack telephoned her constantly and would write her as many as five letters a day, in which he assured her of his love and spoke of his plans to leave his family. "We were utterly obsessed by each other in every way," she says.

She is disarmingly frank about the affair. "I knew what I was getting into and I wanted it to happen," she says. "I felt no guilt about Maureen. I was madly in love and she was a Catholic who had had too many children already."

Today the whole story might have been quite different. In the 1990s Mrs Aird Passow would not have dropped her career to be at her lover's beck and call.

Cusack, too, might have been less torn between the demands of his obsession and his faith. "He was a devout Catholic," Mrs Aird Passow says. "He would be with me all night and then scurry off in the morning to mass."

From the start this guilt ate at their relationship. Mrs Aird Passow was astonished by the hostility shown to her by Cusack's friends in London. She realised, many years later, that the author of these passionate letters was telling his friends a more extenuating story. "I think he felt ashamed so he was going around telling people that I was some awful female temptress," she says ruefully. "Friends would approach me and tell me I was a scarlet woman who was chasing Cyril." She keeps a kind letter from Edna O'Brien, saying "I know how unwelcome many people make you feel and I sympathise".

Certainly, a glance at Cusack's file shows a man unable to tell things straight. His first wife appears in the latest edition of *International Who's Who*, but his second wife does not. His fourth, illegitimate daughter is listed, however. Cusack once told an interviewer: "Someone once said to me — and it was one of the most devastating things I ever heard — 'I know you're acting all the time. I'm quite sure you are play-acting, even when you are saying your prayers.' And it's true in a way."

Cusack's catholicism meant he scorned all forms of birth control and inevitably Mrs Aird Passow became pregnant. He begged her to have an abortion and she did not argue. "I would have loved to have had his child but he said it would destroy his career in Ireland," she says. "I begged him to reconsider, but in the end I only wanted to please him. I thought I can't destroy him, I must destroy me."

Eventually, the strain became too much. "We used to stay at the Garrick and it was awful. The maids would be peering and they all knew, it was quite embarrassing." Mrs Cusack, who had so far maintained a dignified silence, verbally attacked her in a club. She and Cyril "sat in Hyde Park and we both cried and said goodbye. I couldn't take the pressure."

They saw each other once again in 1969, when he came to stay with her for the weekend. "He was living in Islington and there was someone called Mary in his life. I wanted to ask who she was but I was too frightened myself to find out. He kept sneaking off to ring her anyway."

Later she realised that Mary was the woman who became the second Mrs Cusack after Maureen died in 1977. She also realised that Catherine, Cusack and Mary's daughter, must have been born around the time of this visit.

Her descriptions of Cusack are not bitter either. She talks bluntly about his alleged affair with Vivienne Leigh, how she still suffers neck pain after he threw her against a wall in a drunken argument — and the secret of his charm. "When you have an actor weeping and crying on the phone, saying he will leave his wife, you tend to believe it."

Despite all that, she has never fallen in love again. "Excuse the pun, he was a hard act to follow," she says cheerfully. "Nobody lived up to him, despite all his awful faults. I found him intriguing, he had a very clever mind and was a great raconteur. That is far more attractive to me than any number of Chippendales."

Mrs Aird Passow's plan is to return to Ireland, where it all began. "I shall live quite in the middle of nowhere and once a week I shall go to market on a donkey." She wants to die all alone, with the cardboard box and her tapes of Cusack's readings.



The young mistress — Lesley Aird Passow as she was when the middle-aged Cyril Cusack fell passionately in love



Mrs Aird Passow

'I knew what I was getting into and I wanted it to happen'



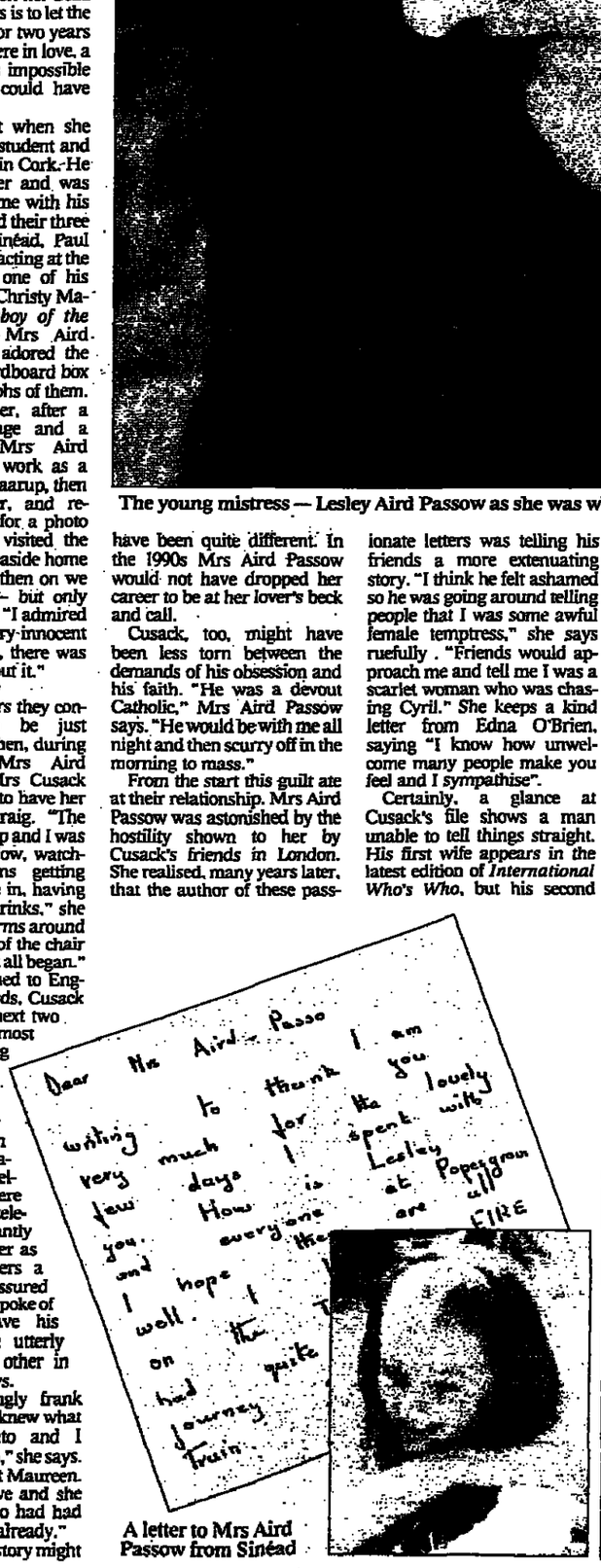
Candace Bahouth's *Orange Tree* for EHRMAN TAPESTRY

Reminiscent, in some ways, of a William Morris design, Candace Bahouth's beautiful *Orange Tree* is featured in her new book *Mediaeval Needlepoint*. The leaves are a sea of blending greens: larch, greengage, olive and beech-leaf with cooler sage and spruce. The oranges mix tawny gold with ochre. The pale jade background is overlaid with a trailing pattern of leaves and stems while the richly coloured border of fruits, snails and flowers is like an illuminated manuscript: ivory, royal blue and crushed strawberry shine out from faded gold.

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Far left and above: Dress, £350; jacket, £760, Ann Demeulemeester, Browns, 23-27 South Molton Street, W1; Joseph, 77 Fulham Road, SW3. Shoes, £235, Stephane Kelian, as before



Right, and above: Wine-coloured velvet coat, £650; jumper, £199; trousers, £450, Prada, A La Mode, 36 Hans Crescent, SW1; Joseph 77, Fulham Road, SW3. Shoes, £275, Manolo Blahnik, 49-51 Old Church Street, SW3



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A buyer's eye on the catwalks



Fashion

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Having spent the past month and a half watching a seemingly endless stream of catwalk shows, I am completely fashioned out. I need a holiday. At this moment, I never want to see another dress. The bi-annual collections are the most exciting time for fashion editors. A chance to sneak a peek into the future. They also happen to be real hard work.

Sitting at the catwalk's edge, my attention occasionally falters and I find myself staring at the faces of the buyers on the other side of the runway. These are the people whose job it is to pick from the plethora of styles, to select the stock for the stores at which we will shop in six months' time.

The buyers deal in hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of decisions, and have to make the right choice not just for their own wardrobe, but for those of all women. Doesn't each approaching season fill them with terror?

"Even after all these years, I'm still very nervous before a season starts," says Joan Burstein, the owner of Browns, a specialist designer store in London's South Molton Street. "When the first delivery comes in, and if we're selling it, and people are excited, then you know you've got it right."

You might expect Mrs Burstein, who has been responsible for filling her store with gorgeous gowns for 23 years, to have a certain appreciation of her customer's likes and dislikes. Is there such a thing as a composite Browns customer? "We don't appeal to any one specific age group, but our clients are a definite personality type. It's got to be somebody who really loves fashion, not a fashion victim, but someone who has an affinity with fashion."

However confident buyers might be of what the customer wants, the process can easily come unstuck when they are faced with the designers' wandering whims. How, then, is it possible to judge the needs and desires of their clientele?

Amanda Verdan heads the buying team at Harvey Nichols, the five-floor department store in Knightsbridge. Under her eye, a team of buyers includes Bridget Crosgrave, who is in charge of the designer merchandise. Ms Verdan and Ms Crosgrave work closely together, and in conversation talk of "turnover per square foot", and refer to customers in relation to floors: "The first floor [high fashion and eveningwear] customer took to the long skirt really quickly, it took the second floor [affordable diffusion lines] customer a while longer."

Is it possible to predict what the big sellers will be? "We have statistical data showing us, for instance, which categories of product sell well in [Rifat] Ozbek or [Claude] Montana," Ms Verdan says. "But that is just a guideline because the emphasis changes every season. Now jackets have become less important, softer pieces have become more so. You can't afford to be too dogmatic about data. At the end of the day, it's not a science.

"I think many times we over-estimate how quickly our customer is prepared to change," she continues, explaining that there are occasions when the store and the consumer can be out of step.

"We have to keep in sync with fashion because we can't be seen to be lagging behind, but sometimes we find ourselves too far ahead. The long skirt was easy, what was hard was the short skirt originally. It took three or four seasons."

A few blocks away is A La Mode, a sleek-looking store resembling a designer's showroom. The mood is intimate. Peter and Josephine Turner are the couple behind the store, and even behind the cash desk. They know their customers because they have daily contact with them. Their buying relies heavily on intuition.

"Basically, when we see a collection, we buy what we like. How do we know that what we like will be right? I think it's the input of unconscious ideas we have before we go to see the collection," Mrs Turner says. "We buy pieces we like the look of, then we worry about colours, and how it will all look in the store."

The Turners' criteria for purchasing reflects their personal approach. "The most important thing is that it appeals to me visually," Mrs Turner says. "Just as if I was buying a piece of furniture."

The non-stop schedule of shows can all too easily become a blur, so some buyers prefer to to view the clothes in the designers' showrooms. "At the beginning of the season it's good to see a show or two to get the feeling of the new season, of what's happening," Mrs Turner says. At Harvey Nichols the team believes it is very important to see a show by a designer such as Rifat Ozbek to see how he puts it together. "Although we will not necessarily sell it that way."

The whole buying process can take from early October through to the end of November, but often it does not stop there. "Then we have students coming in, or new names bringing their collections," Mrs Burstein says wearily, "but I hope there will always be the unexpected. If it didn't continue to excite me, I wouldn't be doing it."

Which is a sentiment I share. As long as designers continue to surprise I will travel far and wide, patiently wait for a show to start, all the time hoping to see something special.

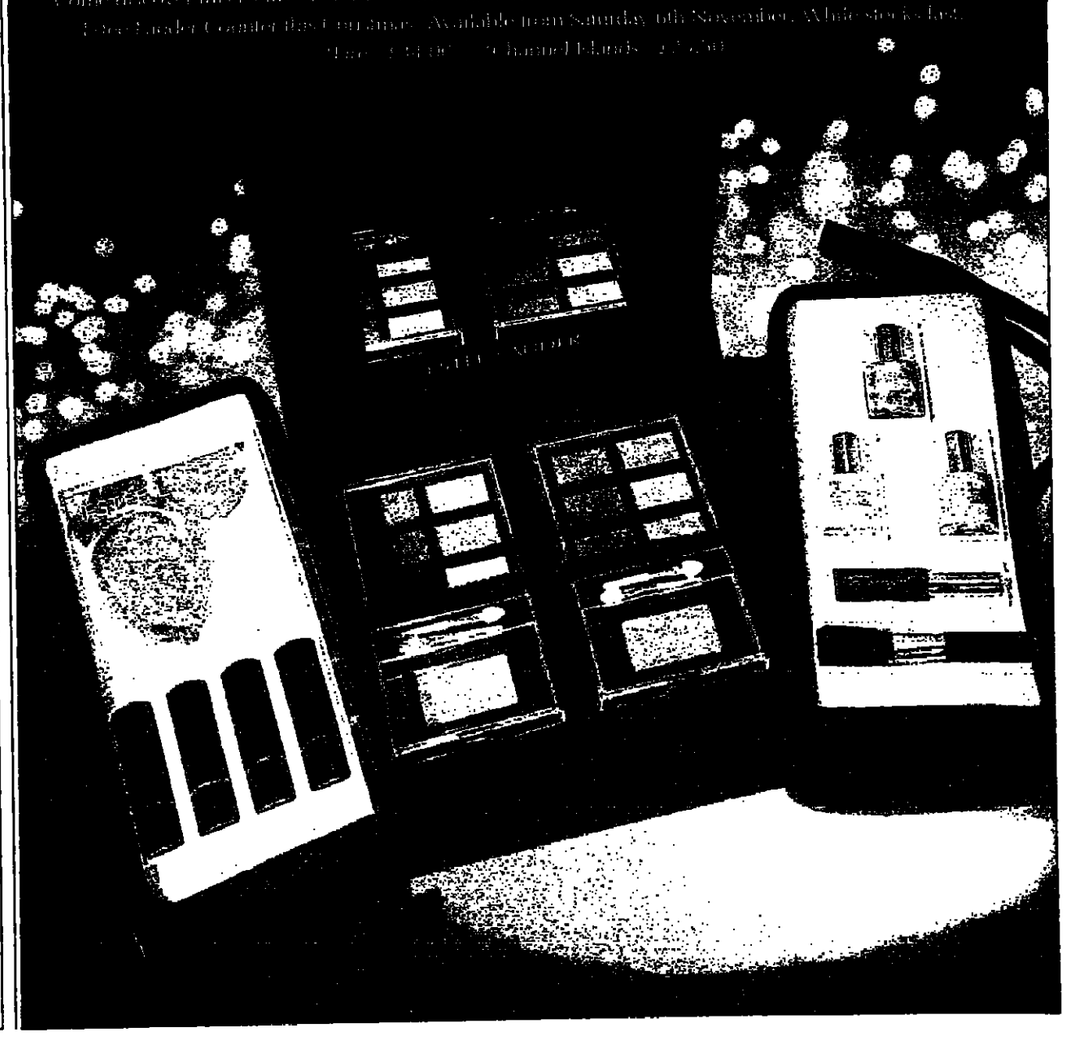
"I can't believe it when I hear people complaining because they have to travel all over a city to see shows," Mrs Turner agrees. "If we see a collection we will buy it from out of the back of a car, if it's really what we want."

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● VALENTINO, the couturier, makes his debut early next year as costume designer for a new production by the Washington Opera. Based on the life of Rudolph Valentino (no relation), the opera is set against a backdrop of 1920s America. Broadway dance palaces and Hollywood studios have provided the inspiration for a glamorous and dramatic wardrobe. Costume details reveal the period's true decadence: cascading lace, ostrich plumes, beaded chiffon and black and white harlequin prints. Upon seeing the costumes composer Dominick Argento said "Valentino's designs are so right for the period, style and atmosphere of the opera." *The Dream of Valentino* will open at the Eisenhower Theatre of the John F. Kennedy Centre on 15th January, 1994.

RACHEL COLLINS

Matthew Parris



■ There is no future in supporting good ideas before they are fashionable, especially if you are a politician

So now we know. Sir Richard Body is the new "ticking time bomb". Tick-tick-tick for 12 months, then — an ominous silence. Will he go off? Or restart the timing mechanism? The suspense will be dreadful.

Journalists love ticking time bombs. The metaphor caught on the moment it was coined — it was used for an Opposition clause to the Maastricht Bill, as I recall: the clause that eventually led to the debate which nearly brought the government down. But the government made the final debate "an issue of confidence", and won. The bomb failed.

I cannot remember what metaphor Fleet Street chose for the aborted blast. Did we decide there had been no explosion and (mixing the time-bomb metaphor) say the fuse had spluttered out? Maybe we acknowledged the detonation but found the explosion a disappointment as it failed to dislodge the front bench? Most likely, we quietly shelved the whole metaphor. All I know is that political journalists enjoyed the bomb imagery and have been looking for a new bomb ever since.

Now we have found one. Sir Richard is the kind of human bomb beloved of the atrocious Sendero Luminoso in Peru, who send people loaded with explosives into the market place. Yet I know Richard Body and have never thought him either explosive or barmy. He is a principled, at times obsessive and terrifically obstinate man. He does not fit the mould of rebel right-winger at all.

Richard has a Quaker background. We first met when I was a boy in Southern Rhodesia and he visited as an MP and was introduced to my parents, who attended Quaker meetings. We next met when I was adolescent and he visited Jamaica, where my parents were then living.

This was the early 1970s, and Richard was concerned about the effect of Britain's accession to the Common Market on the future of the West Indies sugar industry. He believed we were selling Jamaica out. The Jamaican government chose to believe the British minister, Geoffrey Rippon, who told them we would "have their interests to heart". Body was proved right. The undertaking proved useless.

Five years later, Richard volunteered to help me in my ambition to enter Parliament and introduced me to Airey Neave, who commanded Margaret Thatcher's office. It came to nothing. I sensed even then that Body was expecting to be taken more seriously by the new leader than by her predecessor, Edward Heath, but that his hopes were not being fulfilled. Later it became clear that he was disappointed that more use was not made of him by the party leader. I do not think this was vanity, or shallow careerism. His was an original and independent mind; he was a great enthusiast for ideas, and many of them were to come into fashion, years after he had tried to interest the rest of us in them. He was certainly an enthusiast for the new Tory leadership, in those days.

But he did not fit easily into the "one of us" mould, or any mould. I remember him explaining to me his opposition to capital punishment. He had once prosecuted a young man for murder: successfully, for the man was hanged. They had brought him up for trial from the West Country and Richard said he had the impression that the young man was not at all bright, and hardly knew where he was, let alone what was happening to him or why. It was the confusion of this man, and the ease with which a conviction was secured, Richard told me, which confirmed his distrust of the death penalty.

> 'Body's crusade against the CAP started long before most of us had noticed the lunacy'

At the time, Body was inveighing against the spread of a sugar beet industry which was the artificial creation of huge new EEC subsidies. This was brave, as many of his Lincolnshire constituents had something to gain from the subsidies. But, then, Body's crusade against the cost and absurdity of the common agricultural policy started long before most of us had noticed the lunacy.

He was, and is, right before his time. Though in spirit his thinking was often in line with Thatcherism, and he was an early supporter, you can see immediately that he lacked the shrewd and self-regarding selectivity with which she chose (or turned a blind eye to) issues.

She has a way of looking at you which says "there's something not quite right about that boy", implying that you seem to have forgotten which side our bread is buttered on. Alan Clark will have seen that look in her eye, I suspect, when be brought his (anti-trapper) Fur Trapping Order to her. Richard Body will have seen the same look, often.

And now her successor looks askance at him too. John Major actually has more right to reject Richard Body than Mrs Thatcher did, for Sir Richard and Major do think along utterly different lines, and Sir Richard has become more of a desperado than he used to be. It may even be fair, looking at him from a Majorite perspective and speaking lightheartedly, to call him barmy. I do not know. What I do know is that Richard Body has often turned out to be right.

The courts of Britain and Germany have succeeded where their parliaments failed

Europe's golden get-out clause

William Rees-Mogg

Last week in Munich I had my first meeting with Dr Manfred Brunner; I had previously corresponded with him. He was the leading figure in the appeal to the German constitutional court opposing ratification of the Maastricht treaty. He is a lawyer, and worked in Brussels as the chef de cabinet to Martin Bangemann, one of the German commissioners, who is an out-and-out Euro-federalist. I played a similar role to his last summer, when I applied to the High Court in London for judicial review of the process of ratification of the treaty.

The result of the appeal was the same in Germany as in Britain. In both cases the right of the governments to ratify the treaty was upheld, and the treaty has been ratified. In both cases, however, the courts accompanied this by a judgment which developed constitutional law. Because Germany has a written Basic Law, the German judgment was the more far-reaching of the two. Yet when Dr Brunner and I put the German and the British judgments side by side, it became clear that Maastricht has now been put in a legal framework in both countries; this framework is anti-federalist, and defends the rights of the elected parliaments of the individual states. The legal process in both countries has defined the treaty in a democratic way that the legislative process failed to do.

In Britain, we argued that the prerogative in respect of foreign affairs and defence belongs to the Crown in Parliament, that this Crown prerogative cannot be used to alienate itself, that the Maastricht treaty purported to transfer the prerogative in these matters to the European Union and was therefore invalid. There had been no parliamentary approval of these sections of the treaty. We were arguing for the *ultimate sovereignty of the British Parliament; some people who did not* understand the argument thought I was defying Parliament: in fact I was seeking to defend its rights.

For the foreign secretary, it was agreed in court that it is not possible to alienate the prerogative without specific parliamentary approval, but it was claimed that the Maastricht treaty did not alienate the prerogative. The court looked at the treaty and held for the foreign secretary's view. What this means is that in British law Parliament remains sovereign; notwithstanding the provisions of the Maastricht treaty, our Parliament decides foreign affairs and defence and has the ultimate authority to withdraw from any such policies it does not approve, whether agreed unanimously or by the majority-vote procedure. In British law it seems that Parliament could also repeal the enactment of the Treaty of Rome itself, or any subsequent enactment. Parliament remains supreme. This is a doctrine incompatible with the federalist objective of a United States of Europe; for us it was a very welcome ruling.

In Germany, the grounds of the claim were wider, as Germany's Basic Law allows. On October 12, the court rejected Dr Brunner's claim, as the High Court rejected mine, but laid down conditions, just as the High Court made a judgment in British law. These conditions are of the greatest importance, not least because Germany is the strongest power in the European Union. The Eurocrats cannot bully Germany as *they bullied Denmark.*

The first condition is that under the German Basic Law, the Maastricht treaty can create only a confederation — an association of independent states for certain purposes — and not a federation — a single European state. The second condition is that member states can enter or leave; there is no automatic progression beyond this stage. The third is that they can leave completely, or can withdraw from particular parts of the European system. To these three conditions were added two similar points. The Basic Law requires democratic legitimacy. The constitutional court decided that this legitimacy could come only from the national parliaments of Europe. The European parliament has only a supporting function; in German law it is not the democratic foundation of the European Community.

These findings align German and British law. Both found democratic legitimacy, or, in the British doctrine, sovereignty, on the national parliament. Both provide that member states can enter or leave the European Community, or its individual functions. Both therefore view the European Community as an association of independent states and not as a single state, either now or by an automatic process in the future. Yet the German court added further riders to this important legal unanimity between our two countries.

The court laid down that the European Community could not take over more than 50 per cent of the functions or acts of government. It is hard to see how that could be measured, but the court gave the right to every German citizen to appeal directly to the court — a new civil right — if the Community takes excessive powers. The European Commission has no basic competence in German law; the Maastricht treaty is a final definition of its responsibilities, and cannot be used to extend its competence by comprehensive clauses. "The Union has the means it needs for the fulfilment of its duties."

If the European Community does not follow these rules, the German constitutional court will impose them. Here we have a difference between German and British law — and we are the less well protected. The constitutional court will protect the rights of Germans even against the European Court, and will ensure that these limits are observed. In Britain the European Court is treated as the supreme court, though it has no standing in the area of foreign affairs and defence.

The German constitutional court also gave Germany freedom in certain circumstances to withdraw from the European Monetary Union, a freedom rather similar to the British opt-out. Finally the court ruled that in cases of conflict the German government must make sure that it follows the interpretation of the constitutional court. It is not surprising that Dr Brunner regards the findings of the court as "a great long-term success".

Germany, with a written Basic Law, is better protected than Britain, with a constitutional structure which is part statute and part precedent. Nevertheless the combination of the two judgments can be regarded as "a great long-term success" for Britain as well. The effects of the courts' findings in both cases were unfavourable to the federal, bureaucratic, single-state view, and in favour of the confederal, democratic, association-of-states view. The federalising threat of the Maastricht treaty was not only stopped but significantly reversed. In both cases the courts asserted the ultimate sovereignty of the democratic parliament of the individual state.

The courts in Britain and Germany have therefore vindicated the process of judicial or constitutional review. The long debates in both Houses of Parliament failed to protect Britain against the federalising intention which undoubtedly lay behind the Maastricht treaty. The democratic authorisation of a referendum was refused. The British, and even more the German, courts have restored the democracy of the individual parliaments as the final political authority, doing for the parliaments what they had failed to do for themselves.

Both judgments did indeed uphold the right to ratify the Maastricht treaty, so we lost; yet both laid down rulings and conditions which defined the treaty's character in the way we sought. If we still enjoy a Europe of democratic states rather than a Europe of non-democratic bureaucratic centralism, it is the courts rather than the legislatures we have to thank. I do not know what the opposite of a Pyrrhic victory is, but Manfred Brunner and I, over our coffee and rolls in Munich, were able to congratulate ourselves on a pair of golden defeats.

Tory Fabianism in action

High public spending may be here to stay, says **Peter Riddell**



Kenneth Clarke has a habit of speaking rashly. It could even be his undoing. The other day he talked about reducing the share of public spending in national income from the current 45 per cent to below 40 per cent in "good times". That sounds fine as an aspiration and did occur in the late 1980s. But it will not happen again unless the government is much tougher about public spending than is likely in the Budget. On present plans, the spending ratio will still be above 40 per cent in 2000.

This prospect is alarming the Tory right, especially when coupled with the likelihood of further tax increases. That is the real cabinet divide at present. It is what "back to basics" and the debate over the welfare state are really about. All the talk about a moral crusade and single mothers is a distraction, which the prime minister is eager to play down, as will be clear in his speech to the Lord Mayor's banquet tonight. The main long-term issue is the size of the state.

The contrasting views among senior Tories are epitomised by the Chancellor and his predecessor. Mr Clarke has implied that holding down spending and resumed growth should be enough to put public finances in order. But Norman Lamont argued recently that: "Growth in the economy and sticking to existing spending plans will not be enough to deliver this goal."

That is a mirror image of the reasons for the rise in spending, up more than a tenth in real, inflation-adjusted, terms in the past two years alone. This is partly because of the recession. But at least a half reflects planned rises in other spending.

The Treasury made a largely unappreciated policy error in the 1980s. Instead of just aiming to hold spending steady in real terms, Nigel Lawson also proposed, as "a more realistic objective", to limit the rise in expenditure to a slower rate than the sustainable growth of the economy. Lord Lawson, whose spending record was the best for more than 30 years, wanted to ensure that the relative share of spending declined. But the boom of the late 1980s was a trap. An initial drop in spending led to a more relaxed attitude. While the relative share dropped sharply as the economy expanded at an unsustainably rapid rate, the level of future spending was ratcheted up. So when the recession started, the relative share jumped to its highest level since the mid-1980s. The increases continued until after the election as a result of decisions taken from 1988 onwards by John Major, both at the Treasury and as prime minister, to raise spending on health, education and other popular areas.

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

Growth alone will not be a cure. According to Mr Lamont, the only answer is to cut spending. What happens to taxes is irrelevant to meeting the spending target, as opposed to cutting borrowing. The big tax rises announced last March, and any further increases on November 30, merely underline the government's spending predicament. Mr Clarke argues that holding next year's spending unchanged in real terms will mean pain in many programmes. There will be howls of complaint over cuts in local council grants, housing spending and much tighter tests for invalidity benefit. But that is partly the screech of the brakes after the previous acceleration. Mr Lamont's call for an across the board cut in all departments' spending has been little heard in the cabinet.

The real issue is whether the Budget plans are merely a first stage or, as Mr Major and Mr Clarke sometimes imply, the end of the pain with no more nasty medicine needed. Will the long-term reviews of spending in the main social programmes being undertaken by Michael Portillo achieve big savings? Mr Portillo, who wants to roll back the state, has talked about, first, controlling spending at broadly current levels, hard enough in itself to sustain; second, eliminating waste and running public services better; and third, questioning whether the state needs to continue existing functions.

It is not just a matter of numbers. It is primarily about attitudes to the welfare state, and how far Britain wants to follow a European rather than an American model. Mr Clarke has said he wants to combine "North American style get-up-and-go economics" with an "European style welfare state". This, he admits, would mean that the share of public spending would never get down to American or Japanese levels.

By contrast, the Tory right sees the high level of welfare spending in Europe at the root of its lack of competitiveness as much as inflexibilities in the labour market. Mr Lamont argues that the welfare state in Europe pushes people out of work with higher taxes and costs than in America. He has proposed more extensive opting-out from social security and increased use of charging in the health service.

Whenever such options are floated, ministers quickly offer reassurance that universal provision of health and education free at the point of use will continue. There is not the political will in the cabinet, or on the back benches, for a more radical attempt to roll back the state. If that is the case, there is no chance of holding public spending at below 40 per cent of national income and keeping it there. The share will still vary, and would certainly be higher under Labour. But the political debate will turn mainly on how to manage the existing welfare state, with gradual changes at the margin. These remain important questions, as shown by the arguments over contracting-out and the health service. This also means there is little chance of a big reduction in the overall tax burden. The conservative counter-revolution has limits. The crusading phase is over. Tory Fabianism rules.

Whip hand

BARONESS Thatcher's chief whip at the time of her downfall, Timothy Renton, has remained resolutely silent about the affair. He refused to appear on Kenneth Baker's television series about her cabinet and was conspicuously absent from the BBC's documentary series on the Downing Street years.

But Renton may be about to shed light on events. He has just written a political thriller which is in the hands of literary agents: and he warns that one or two characters in his novel bear more than a passing resemblance to individuals in Westminster.

Renton abandoned his initial working title, *The Greasy Pole*, in favour of *The Dangerous Edge* after a quotation from Robert Browning. "Chief whips do not write their memoirs by tradition, so I have been having fun with this instead. And I have drawn from many sides of my political experience," he says ominously.

Lady Thatcher's suspicions about her "wet" chief whip's part in her downfall are well-chronicled. In her memoirs, she carps about his "characteristically dispiriting" assessment of her chances of winning the second ballot in the leadership challenge.

So will Renton use his novel to retaliate? "There is lots of skulduggery, but although the chief whip features, he is not the main character." Ever the diplomat, Renton refuses to be drawn further on the plot. But inevitably his efforts have drawn comparisons with Michael Dobbs's thriller *House of Cards*, in which a very devious chief whip, Francis Urquhart, engineers the prime minister's destruction. "You may think that," acknowledges Renton. "But I couldn't possibly comment."



DIARY

● *The secret of Lord Howe's youthful outlook is revealed in* The Oldie *magazine this week, where he says his top "pin-up" is Marilyn Monroe. "We were born in the same year, so every glimpse will keep me feeling young," he explains. Also listed is Jean Simmons who, he says, was the recipient 48 years ago "of my only fan letter, written on behalf of a lusty barrack-room". Sadly, he still awaits a reply.*

Bowing, bowing

A CELLO that belonged to Beatrice Harrison, the virtuoso beloved of Edward Elgar, is being offered for sale. Harrison, who died in 1965 aged 72, was also admired by Frederick Delius and gave the first performance of his cello concerto in 1923. But she is perhaps better remembered for her contribution to the first live recording of birdsong a year later.

The venue for the recording was the garden of her Surrey home, where Harrison played her cello to the accompaniment of a nightingale in what was to become one of the most famous BBC broadcasts.

Charles Beare, the London violin dealer selling the Guarneri cello for about £500,000, already has modern virtuosos in his sights. "The obvious person who would be interested is Julian Lloyd Webber," he says.

Dotted minims

HELP is at hand for opera-goers who are visually handicapped — although they may have to show the sort of endurance that sees them through the 16 hours of Wagner's *Ring*.

In its most ambitious book project to date, the Royal National Institute for the Blind is launching a braille edition of the acclaimed 1,408-page *Penguin Viking Opera Guide*. "It's certainly going to be big. I would have thought we could be talking of about 6,000 pages in 64 volumes," says Roger Firman, RNIB's music services manager. A daunting prospect indeed, admits David Blunkett, Labour's health spokesman. "It's one of the problems of braille. It often takes as long to read the material as it would to sit through an enormous opera."

Murder Inc

FACED with unprecedented interest from overseas, the British Council has decided to export the very English art of murder. Not that Michael Howard, the home secretary, should be concerned at this trade in criminal expertise. For the council is simply trying to meet the surge in demand, particularly from Eastern Europe, for British whodunits.

"Art of Murder" kits are being mailed to 150 destinations throughout the world, lauding the tradition of the British detective novel and highlighting masters of the genre. After all, says P.D. James, millions of readers from Greenland to Japan are already perfectly at home in Sherlock Holmes's claustrophobic Baker Street sanctum or Lord Peter Wimsey's elegant Piccadilly flat: "There is nothing like a potent amalgam of mystery and mayhew to make the whole world kin." Perhaps a mail-shot to the warring factions of the Tory party wouldn't go amiss.

● *A royal stand-in is desperately needed at London's Albery Theatre, which has failed to find a canine to play the Queen's corgi in its forthcoming production of* The Big Friendly Giant *by Roald Dahl. All corgis are asked to report for auditions at the theatre on Thursday at 1pm. Pay and conditions? As many dog biscuits as one can eat.*





A musical interlude from Whicker and the princess

Singalonga Princess Michael

TELEVISION viewers will be granted a rare privilege this spring when a member of the royal family sings a solo in a programme to be transmitted at peak viewing time. Princess Michael of Kent gave a high-spirited rendition of the Coward classic "Mad Dogs and Englishmen" in a bar on the Orient Express earlier this year, and the recital has been filmed for *Whicker's World*.

"It was a remarkable performance," says Alan Whicker, who relived the moment last week when he was editing film for the programme, which follows the Kents and other passengers on a luxury train journey through the East. It was perhaps bettered only by an incident at Hua Hin in Thailand, the country home of the Thai royal family: there, monks blessed the train, its passengers and the food they were eating. "After we'd been blessed I came out of the palace and immediately one of their elephants did its business on my foot," says Whicker. "I'm not sure if that's lucky or not."

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THE ECONOMY, STUPID

The CBI conference should remind the government of priorities

Ministers will find Britain's industrialists restless this week. Businessmen may be happy to see John Major sailing into calmer waters, but they will not be impressed by the rhetoric helping to take him there. The Confederation of British Industry knows that however potent the politics of single mothers and squatters may be, the most powerful issue governing his survival is the economy. If the conference achieves anything, it will be to turn debate back onto economic and industrial policy.

Hesitant recovery there may be, in parts. But voters are still anxious about jobs. What they most want to see is some significant gains in private-sector employment. The CBI is not convinced that the government understands how this will best be achieved. Passing costs on to employers — for sick pay and maternity pay, for instance — does not help to create jobs. The employers fear that the Budget will shift more costs onto business. Indeed, the more confident that the prime minister appears, the more worried will be the industrialists. For a tough tax-raising budget will mean that Mr Major feels confident of surviving for the long haul.

Real interest rates remain too high. The lack of any publicly stated policy towards business (never let it be called an industrial strategy) means that help seems to come, if at all, in a haphazard way. The prime minister seems to want to improve relations with business. But he has avoided spelling out his ideas, for fear of alienating others in the party. As a result the government is criticised by both sides: interventionists complain that Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, talks about intervention without doing anything; free-marketeers say that such talk is dangerous. A policy towards industry does not have to mean direct intervention or subsidy. The government could easily proclaim that it sees itself as a facilitator for business, favouring solutions that make life easier rather than harder for private-sector companies. Much will be expected from the deregulation bill in the Queen's Speech. As well as cutting back its bureaucratic regulations, the government needs to work out better coordinated measures on the supply side: education, training, infrastructure.

Ministers can expect tough questioning. If the government were really serious about improving the supply side of the economy, they will be asked, surely it would have protected the Channel Tunnel rail link in the public spending round. No time could be better to make such an investment, while construction companies are heavily underemployed. Businessmen fear that, however hard the Chancellor has hit current spending, he has hit capital spending harder.

Kenneth Clarke is likely to give the CBI a smidgen of good news when he addresses it today: he will name the chairman of the working party set up to investigate ways of bringing private-sector finance into public-sector projects. But for other measures, the industrialists, like everyone else, will have to wait for another two weeks.

Like the other cabinet ministers due to speak at the conference, Mr Clarke will secretly have been pleased by Howard Davies's remarks last week on the government's attitude to Europe. Europhile ministers are no doubt grateful for any support they can get these days. But flirtation with federalism is a dangerous tactic for the CBI to adopt. Today's survey for the CBI shows that eight out of ten of its members favour a common European currency in the long run, and many feel hampered by the red tape of Brussels and Whitehall. Its members ought to be more worried to find themselves close to the views of labour leader, John Smith, whose newly endorsed federalist's charter would constitute the fiercest threat to prosperity if Labour ever came to power.

COPYING EUROPE

British law needs better draftsmanship

During the debate over Maastricht, little was said about the pressures that membership of the European Community has brought upon parliamentary draftsmanship. Yet, as *The Times* reports today, those pressures are forcing government lawyers to question the way in which law is made in this country. It is vital that this debate be addressed in public and in a methodical way.

In the British legal tradition, statutes passed by Parliament are elaborative, drafted with exhaustive precision to leave the courts in as little doubt as possible to the legislator's meaning. In contrast, the "purposive" tradition on the continent requires the legislator to make only a general statement of intention, leaving the courts far greater freedom to interpret the detail of the law. The implementation of EC directives has compelled British draftsmen to translate from one system to another, a task which is proving baffling and burdensome. In some cases, the gap between European laws designed in committee and the language of Parliament appears unbridgeable. The draftsman must then resort to the technique called "copy-out": the verbatim transposition of the directive into English law.

This complex constitutional problem is being addressed in the worst possible circumstances. Since the historic Francovich case in the European Court of Justice, EC citizens have been entitled to compensation from member states whose failure to implement directives has caused them harm. Already, Britain is facing a £30 million claim for compensation from Spanish trawler owners after the court struck down the 1988 Merchant Shipping Act for failing to comply with EC discrimination law. As the penalties for non-implementation escalate, the attractions of "copy-out" grow. More and more directives will be absorbed into the body of English law without translation into traditional statutory language.

This specific problem should encourage general reassessment of the way in which laws are made in this country. Statute-making has changed little while the volume of legislation has grown exponentially. In 1911, the goverment passed 450 pages of public general statutes; today, 13,000 pages are a typical annual total. The pledge to roll back the frontiers of the state has not been matched by a decline in government's taste for law-making and tinkering. Because British laws are five times longer than comparable continental measures, Parliament faces a legislative workload that has become intolerable. There may be a case, therefore, for adopting some of the practices used in continental lawmaking to improve Parliament's efficiency.

But such a momentous change in the nation's legal system would need to be made systematically. The risk is that the increasing use of "copy-out" by exasperated government draftsmen frightened of EC penalties will result only in confusion in the courts. Judges and barristers in this country are untrained for the highly discretionary, interpretative role which continental law would require of them. For Parliament to pass on the problem of implementation to the judiciary is no solution. Britain clearly needs more competent — or simply more — draftsmen to resolve this fundamental conflict of legal cultures. It would be disappointing to discover that this task is beyond the wit of the mother of parliaments.

LITTLE CLAY GODS

Rulers who preach public morality should live in glass houses

Great men have feet of clay. That is part of the human condition. But puritanical messiahs who set out to remake the world often turn out to be made of clay all through.

Cult leaders prey upon the bodies as well as the minds of their disciples. And the revelations about the private life of Mao Tse-Tung stink with historical irony. When he spoke of letting a hundred flowers blossom, he would have been referring more truthfully to his secret regiments of young concubines than to any freedom for politically incorrect thought under his regime.

The father of the Chinese revolution posed as a plain man of the people, as a moderniser, and almost as a feminist. He promoted women to positions of power, and made it official policy that the old Chinese custom of treating them as domestic animals was obsolete. In his little red book of quotations, Mao preached an austere and joyless ideology of perpetual revolution and sacrifice. He dressed like a simple soldier in a tunic, and appeared to live as austerely as the masses he misruled and massacred.

But research for the centenary of Mao's birth is producing persuasive evidence that behind the facade all was rotten, making the private life of Caligula look as sedate as *Neighbours*. According to a forthcoming BBC *Timewatch* documentary, Mao's "playmates" in the Forbidden City were unlimited in numbers, and tested by his secretary to make sure they were satisfactory in bed. Mao preferred them young, naive, ill-educated — and three or four at a time. During his Cultural Revolution, cannibalism was condoned as the ultimate humiliation of a class enemy, who did not believe in his and the party's authoritarian maxims.

In the adjacent puritanical empire, Leonid Brezhnev, the apparatchik who ruled the Soviet Union for longer than anyone other than Stalin, turns out in private to have been as keen on chasing women as enforcing the party line on others. He was supplied with squads of air stewardesses and other transient women by his security services.

When a tyrant falls, his subjects find natural relief in mocking the clay behind the mask. The unforgettable picture of the reclusive Emperor Tiberius, brooding on Capri to escape plots and indulge his taste for small boys, may be painted a bit luridly by Tacitus and Suetonius. But the revelations about Mao and Brezhnev come with documentary evidence as well as the old pleasure in opening of dirty windows.

Hypocrisy unmasked is always a gratifying spectacle. In a democracy, a free press can continually restrain or expose the hypocrisy of its clay rulers. The example of puritanical tyrants from Nero to Mao suggests that those who treat people like chattels in their public policy usually do the same in their private lives. It is part of the inhumanity and arrogance of absolute power. Those Chinese who are scrambling to buy Mao watches and other memorabilia of his centenary next month are driven not by nostalgia for the old hypocrite, but by the healthy human instinct to make a profit.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Profile of the UK's rising crime wave

From Professor Anthony E. Bottoms

Sir, "Rises or falls in the police figures [of recorded crime] mean next to nothing," says Simon Jenkins ("Victims of criminal hysteria", November 6).

It is certainly true that there are potential artificialities (principally concerning differential public reporting and police recording) in official crime data, and that such data must therefore be treated with caution. However, research findings from empirical studies now enable us to assess these potential artificialities more accurately than in the past.

For example, in last week's Home Office release of police-recorded crime figures, both taking vehicles and residential burglary showed increases (1992-3) greater than the average for all offences: respectively, 7 per cent and 12 per cent, against an average of 4 per cent.

We know from other research that these two crimes (especially vehicle-taking) are more fully reported and recorded than most, so the likelihood is that at least the bulk of the recorded increase for these offences in the last year was real.

Simon Jenkins correctly says that the British Crime Survey (BCS) has shown that the rate of increase in overall crime over the past ten years is only half that in recorded crime figures. However, it also shows a substantial increase in crime since 1981: 36 per cent overall; 49 per cent for offences which can be directly compared with police data; 72 per cent for residential burglary involving loss.

The BCS has also shown very clearly the skewed geographical distribution of crime, with victimisation risks two or three times the national average in some kinds of area (inner cities, the poorest council estates, etc). Hence, as the BCS authors put it, "although most people face *some* level of crime risk, crime represents for some households an endemic and relentless problem".

It is important not to exaggerate Britain's crime problem: we can be grateful that rates of homicide and serious violence are well below those of the USA, and that, despite recent increases, the average house in England and Wales still suffers a burglary with loss less than once every quarter century. Nevertheless, we should certainly not be lured into believing that recent increases in crime are insubstantial: on all the evidence, they are not.

Yours sincerely,
ANTHONY BOTTOMS
(Director),
Institute of Criminology,
University of Cambridge,
7 West Road, Cambridge.
November 11.

Rushdie and freedom of expression

From Dr Salah Ezz

Sir, I would like to voice my sorrow for the intolerant tone in Mr Salman Rushdie's response (November 8) to my letter of November 4.

My assertion that *The Satanic Verses* is resented by Muslims everywhere is supported by the fact that it has not been published anywhere in the Arab and Muslim world in spite of the secular nature of their governments.

The views that I and — I quote Mr Rushdie — "the likes" of me adopt have always been firmly against the Iranian *fatwa* and any act of violence and intimidation. Issuing the *fatwa* was in fact a foolish gesture that showed no respect for British law, still threatens the life of a British citizen and succeeded only in distorting Islam and undeservedly glorifying the novel and its author.

Resenting *The Satanic Verses* does not imply either support for the *fatwa* or a personal vendetta against Mr Rushdie, whose views on the Bosnian tragedy, for example, I personally admire. The problem is that Mr Rushdie seems to consider any attack on his novel as a personal attack on him. We expect a novelist, however, to be more objective and enlightened than this.

Yours faithfully,
S. EZZ,
Oxford University,
Department of
Materials,
Parks Road, Oxford.
November 9.

From Miss Nusrat Zar

Sir, As a British Muslim I would like to express my fullest sympathy to Salman Rushdie in his present situation and state firmly my conviction in the virtue of freedom of speech.

Unfortunately, the latter concept is hedged around with restrictions: for many British Muslims there is an area of religious belief that is ultimate and inviolable, whose integrity may not be sullied by any comment made under the banner of freedom of speech.

The wisdom of such an atitude may be dubious, but it is also understandable: in defending their belief, Muslims are effectively protecting their identity in an often alien culture.

Cultural pluralism within Britain can claim to have succeeded only when such Muslims can accept criticism of their beliefs, while also feeling secure in their own worth.

Yours faithfully,
NUSRAT ZAR,
St Hilda's College,
Oxford.
November 8.

From Sir Roger Elliott, President of the Publishers Association, and others

Sir, Yet another attempt has been made on the life of one of the publishers of Salman Rushdie's *The Satanic Verses* (reports, October 12 and 13). Happily, it seems likely that the victim, the Norwegian publisher Mr William Nygaard, will recover from his injuries.

It remains scandalous that such deeds can be perpetrated against innocent citizens with the overt backing of the government of another country. The international publishing community was pleased that the prime minister eventually agreed to listen to Mr Rushdie's appeals himself, and gave him the British government's support. It is unacceptable that Mr Rushdie and his publishers should go in fear of their lives because he has expressed thoughts and ideas that have offended the authorities in Iran.

Up to now it has been possible to argue that the *fatwa* would fade in importance and significance with the passage of time. That is clearly not tenable today. It is essential that all governments responsible for the safety of people threatened by the *fatwa* make it emphatically clear to the government of Iran that the *fatwa* is a grave breach of international law and diametrically opposed to the good will that should prevail between the nations of the world: and that, if it is not completely withdrawn, it will be necessary for the countries concerned to break off relations. Otherwise the way is open for the multiplication of curbs on freedom of expression enforced by threats of violence.

The freedom to express thoughts and ideas — whether secular or religious — is one of the fundamental freedoms of mankind.

Yours sincerely,
ROGER ELLIOTT,
President, Publishers Association,
CLIVE BRADLEY (Chief Executive),
GILES de la MARE (Chairman,
Freedom to Publish Committee),
NICHOLAS BYAM SHAW
(Macmillan Publishers),
NICHOLAS CHAPMAN (BBC Books),
MATTHEW EVANS (Faber & Faber),
PHILIPPA HARRISON (Little, Brown),
TIM HELY-HUTCHINSON
(Hodder Headline),
PHILIP KOGAN (Kogan Page),
JOHN MURRAY
(John Murray Publishers),
NIGEL NEWTON
(Bloomsbury Publishing),
PETER OWEN (Peter Owen),
GAIL REBUCK (Random House),
TOM ROSENTHAL (André Deutsch),
PAUL SCHERER (Transworld Publishers),
NICK WEBB (Simon & Schuster),
The Publishers Association,
19 Bedford Square, WC1.

How arts funds boost tourism

From Mrs Doris Lessing

Sir, I have been travelling about the world, for the British Council, for my publishers, and to literary festivals. Everywhere people talk wistfully about our theatre, our opera, our music, our ballet. The Americans make special trips to our theatre because their own is so bad.

In China a room full of literary people said how much they looked forward to Sam Wanamaker's Shakespeare theatre. I did not dare say that this project, attracting world attention, has never been given help by government.

In Germany and France I have heard them marvel that we do not think it worthwhile to run a direct train to our greatest tourist attraction, Stratford, where I have seen well-heeled Japanese struggling grumbling into coaches late at night after performances.

Anyone involved in the arts fights year in year out for the pennies grudged by government, but there is one field we excel in — the arts. This year government is cutting £5 million — worth £10 million allowing for inflation — support for the arts.

Ten million pounds is the kind of sum written off a thousand times a year for misbegotten motorways, discontinued lines in aircraft, mistaken office blocks. Five million pounds is 0.0016 of expected official expenditure this year.

You would think a government struggling to get this country on its feet would notice that the arts are what we are good at, that opera, theatre, music, ballet attract people, that people are tourists, that tourism is one of the growth industries. In short, that here, under the government's nose, is an area that would give results if it invested in it.

Yours faithfully,
DORIS LESSING,
c/o Jonathan Clowes Ltd,
Iron Bridge House,
3 Bridge Approach, NW1.
November 12.

Questions of bribery

From Mr George Moody-Stuart

Sir, The conviction of a former Ministry of Defence official for taking £1.5 million in bribes (report, November 4) raises issues of the highest importance.

First, have the Italian, German and Norwegian companies that paid these bribes offered to reimburse the Treasury for any over-pricing of the goods they supplied?

Secondly, have the same companies continued to win Ministry of Defence contracts since 1984 and, if so, have these further contracts been critically scrutinised in the light of what is now known about previous malpractices?

It will surprise many people to learn that the companies in question have probably not committed criminal offences in their own countries; nor would a British company that had bribed, say, a German official in Germany.

In the United States the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act specifically outlaws the payment of bribes to politicians and officials in other countries, either directly or through agents, with heavy fines for companies and jail sentences for individuals; but this courageous legislation has not been copied elsewhere.

Transparency International, which we define as "the coalition against corruption in international business transactions", was launched last year and is based in Berlin.

It is proposing a package of measures, one of which is the introduction, in all Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development countries, of legislation similar to the American Act.

It also advocates unequivocal no-bribery pledges to be signed annually by company chairmen and the extension of audit reports to cover "consultancy" fees paid on overseas contracts.

Its principal target is the North/South corruption that so seriously undermines Third World development; but the conviction on November 3 shows again that changes in law and practice will be beneficial in Europe too.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE MOODY-STUART
(Chairman, Transparency
International (UK)),
Annat, 11 Woodfield Lane,
Ashtead, Surrey.
November 7.

Coach safety

From Dr Helen C. Grant

Sir, The doctor who coordinated the M2 coach rescue is reported (November 11) as saying that had passengers been wearing seatbelts many injuries and deaths would not have occurred. She is also reported as saying that some survivors owed their escape to having been thrown clear of the vehicle, which could not have happened had they been strapped in.

These two statements encapsulate the seatbelt dilemma: you have to decide what sort of an accident you are going to have before doing up, or not doing up, your seatbelt.

Help is at hand, however: in the commonest type of severe accident — a head-on collision — there is a considerable risk of shearing through your spinal cord in the neck because your head will continue to travel forwards while your trunk is tightly gripped to the seat. This results in permanent paralysis below the mouth — tetraplegia — for the (often young and healthy) victim.

My view is that the belt should be looped round one shoulder only: this simple manoeuvre would prevent all the worst horrors, which are tetraplegia, cut face and stove-in chest, because it permits swivelling of the trunk, only one side being held onto the seat.

Yours faithfully,
H. C. GRANT (Neuropathologist),
10 Antrim Grove, NW3.

Road denials

From Mr N. G. Walker

Sir, You report (November 11) both John MacGregor, the transport secretary, and Robert Key, the roads minister, as denying accusations that the plans for the Trans-European Road Network (Tern) are cloaked in secrecy. These denials will carry little conviction in Buckinghamshire.

Buckinghamshire (which has the last Tory-controlled county council in Britain) has recently been thrown into ferment by Department of Transport proposals for a new bypass between Wing and the west of Aylesbury. The bypass is to form part of a new east-west trunk route between Harwich and the M40.

Consultation on the department's proposals for the bypass began on July 6 and ended last month. However, the glossy consultation brochure issued by the department (which correctly stated that the bypass would form part of a new east-west trunk route) said absolutely nothing about the fact that the trunk route is to be included as part of Tern.

The public only learnt of this important fact (which significantly alters the scale of the project upon which we were being consulted) when it leaked out during September.

The department was then forced to concede this fact.

Yours faithfully,
N. G. WALKER
(Executive member,
The Anti-M418 Action Group),
4 Thame Road, Haddenham,
Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

Up to the Mark

From the Director of the Citizen's Charter Unit

Sir, Dr Beishon, the chief executive of the Consumers' Association (letter, November 12), wants the criteria for Charter Mark awards to be published. They are in the white paper (Cmd 2101), published in November 1992, on the Citizen's Charter and in the Charter Mark Scheme guide.

We consulted the Consumers' Association in preparing the guide. 8,000 copies of which were published. I have sent Dr Beishon further copies.

Dr Beishon also wants the Charter Mark awards to reflect the reality of consumers' experience.

Customers' satisfaction is one of our published criteria; we are looking for evidence of customers' satisfaction with the service through customer surveys, questionnaires, third-party assessments, etc. We received that evidence for all our awards.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN HILTON,
Director,
Citizen's Charter Unit,
Horse Guards Road, SW1.
November 12.

Council structures

From the Convener of Ross and Cromarty District Council

Sir, In all this flurry of excitement "down south" over local government reform in England and Wales little or no mention has been made of the wholesale dismemberment already in the pipeline for Scotland.

In the Highlands, for instance, it is proposed to squeeze eight existing districts and a regional council into one huge pan-Highland authority. Based on Coopers & Lybrand costings and the government's own figures this authority would consist of between 50 and 60 elected members covering an area as big as Wales and only marginally smaller than Belgium.

What happened to the government's much vaunted passion for local accountability when this carve-up was arrived at?

Yours faithfully,
ALLAN CAMERON,
Convener,
Ross and Cromarty District Council,
Council Offices, High Street,
Dingwall, Ross and Cromarty.
November 11.

From Councillor Elgar Jenkins

Sir, I was interested to read the offer of help from the chairman of the Association of County Councils, Councillor Dennis Pettitt, for the government's bid to contain public spending (letter, November 10). I am sorry that his support of government policy does not extend to its wise decision to reorganise local government in England and Wales.

If councils are to be fully effective on behalf of their local people they need to be unitary authorities, able to bring to bear on problems through one council all the powers available to them. They need to be powerful enough to deliver services and yet close enough to local people to be identified with the community. People find it easy to relate to one council and confusing to find their way through the two-tier shire structure.

Eighteen million people in metropolitan authorities and London boroughs now live in unitary authorities. Few in these areas are clamouring for the return of metropolitan counties or the GLC.

The scrapping of the GLC and these counties also saved money. Councillor Pettitt is wrong in putting forward the figure of £1.3 billion as the "best estimate to date" of the change. Other estimates suggest the initial cost of change as nearer £300 million, which would be repaid within one or two years and afterwards produce on-going savings.

We need now to put in place a structure which will take local government into the next century. The government is wise in pursuing such a change with broadly all-party parliamentary support. Its decision to get this work over as quickly as possible also makes good sense for local government.

Districts and counties, instead of sabotaging this work, need to work together in each county to produce effective local proposals.

Yours faithfully,
ELGAR JENKINS
(Vice-Chairman),
Association of District Councils,
26 Chapter Street, SW1.
November 11.

All systems go?

From Dr J. D. Manson

Sir, I trust that the forcing of the rail privatisation bill through Parliament (report, November 4) will encourage the Secretary of State to respond to my long-standing offer to purchase a signal box.

Although we are pensioners, my wife and I can still read the small print of a railway timetable, and (together) we would be able to move those signal levers. Our planned signal-box-cum-sandwich bar could be a nice little earner to supplement our pensions.

I suspect that this is the only firm offer Mr MacGregor has received.

Yours faithfully,
J. D. MANSON,
12 Wheatley Street, W1.
November 4.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

November 13: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh, accompanied by The Princess Royal and Commander Timothy Laurence RN, were present this evening at the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall.

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The Princess Royal and Commander Timothy Laurence RN were present.

Mrs Robert de Pass, Lieutenant Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson and Wing Commander Christopher Moran RAF were in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

November 14: The Prince Edward, President, this evening attended the National Youth Theatre of Great Britain's Fundraising Ball at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London W1.

Mrs Richard Warburton was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

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Mrs Timothy Holderness-Roddam was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE

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The Hon Mrs Rhodes was in attendance.

A wreath was laid on behalf of Her Majesty by Major Sir Ralph Anstruther, Bt.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

November 14: Today is the Anniversary of the Birthday of The Prince of Wales.

His Royal Highness laid a Wreath at the Cenotaph this morning on the occasion of Remembrance Day.

The Prince of Wales afterwards took the Salute at the March Past of Ex-Servicemen on Horseguards Parade, London SW1.

His Royal Highness, Colonel, this afternoon attended the Welsh Guards Remembrance Sunday Service at the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, London SW1.

Captain John Warburton-Lee, Welsh Guards, was in amendance.

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DENZIL McNEELANCE

Jessica Jane Antoinet with some of the original dolls she has created arranging her stall at an internationl fair of antique dolls, toys, miniatures and teddy bears at Kensington town hall, west London, yesterday

Latest wills

Jack Nixon Browne, Baron Craigton of Renfield, of Friary Island, Wraysbury, Berkshire, former Conservative MP for the Govan and Craigton divisions of Glasgow, and a former chairman of United Biscuits, left estate valued at £79,720 gross, net same.

He left £2,000 each to the World Wildlife Fund, the Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust, Fauna and Flora Preservation Society, and the Royal Society of Arts, and £250 each to Wraysbury Parish Church, the Wraysbury Skiff and Punting Club and Wraysbury Horticultural Society.

Brigadier Geoffrey Lee Weston, of London NW3, former naval officer and army lawyer, whose last appointment before retiring was Brigadier (Legal) at HQ UK Land Forces, left estate valued at £2,011,732 net.

Josephine Kebse, of London NW6, left estate valued at £833,610 net. She left her entire estate to the British Heart Foundation.

Mr Peter David Brown, of London EC2, left estate valued at £2,156,302 net. He died intestate.

Sir John Henry Davis, of London SW7, former chief executive, chairman and president of the Rank Organisation, left estate valued £6,801 net.

The Right Rev David Brownfield Porter, of Brockhampton, Gloucestershire, Suffragan Bishop of Aston, Birmingham, 1962-72, left estate valued at £139,553 net.

Mr Robert Wilson Adam, of London SW7, former deputy chairman of General Accident, the insurance group, and previously of British Petroleum, left estate valued at £1,066,044 net.

He left £40,000 to the Fettes Trust, Edinburgh, and £15,000 to the Royal Marsden Hospital, London.

Mr Charles John Alan Maude, of London NW3, the graphic and stage designer, left estate valued at £121,398 net.

Bertha Frances Beecher, of Freeland, Oxfordshire, left estate valued at £1,311,217 net.

She left £1,000 to the Secure Retirement Association, Headington, Oxford. £37,000, effects and 4/5ths of the residue to personal legatees, and 1/5th of the residue equally between the RNLI, Age Concern England, the National Trust, RSPB and the World Wide Fund for Nature.

Mrs Angela Madeleine Gibson, of Exning, Newmarket, Suffolk, left estate valued at £11,272,613 net.

She left £1,000 to Oxfam and the remainder of her estate mostly to relatives.

Today's birthdays and anniversaries

Peter Phillips is 16 years old today.

Birthdays

Mr J.G. Ballard, novelist, 63; Mr Daniel Barenboim, pianist and conductor, 51; Sir Geoffrey Chandler, former director-general, NEDO, 71; Mr André Deutsch, publisher, 76; Professor Peter Dickinson, pianist and composer, 59; Mr Martin Hammond, headmaster, Tonbridge School, 49; Miss Paula Kahn, chairman, Longman Group, 53; Lord Mackay of Ardbrecknish, 55; Sir Alistair MacKechnie, chartered accountant, 59; Mr D.D. Rae Smith, chartered accountant, 74; Sir Wallace Rowling, former Prime Minister of New Zealand, 66; Major-General J.K. Shepheard, 85; Canon Eric Staples, former Chaplain to The Queen, 83; Mr Ralph Stubbs, racehorse trainer, 48; Mr John W. Tanner, former UN Director for Jordan, 70; Sir Roger Young, former principal, George Watson's College, Edinburgh, 70.



Petula Clark, the singer, is 61 today

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: William Pitt the Elder, 1st Earl of Chatham, Prime Minister 1756-61 and 1766-68, London, 1708; Sir William Herschel, astronomer, Hanover, 1738; Johann Kaspar Lavater, physiognomist and poet, Zurich, 1741; Richard Henry Dana, poet, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1787; Gerhart Hauptmann, dramatist, Nobel laureate 1912, Obersalzbrunn, Silesia, 1862; Marianne Moore, poet, St Louis, Missouri, 1887; Erwin Rommel, Commander of the German Afrika Corps in the second world war, Heidenheim, 1891; Aneurin Bevan, statesman, Tredegar, 1897; Sir Sacheverell Sitwell, writer, Scarborough, 1897.

DEATHS: Johannes Kepler, astronomer, Regensburg, Germany, 1630; Johann Comenius, educator, Naarden, 1670; Christoph Gluck, composer, Vienna, 1787; Jean-Baptiste Say, political economist, Paris, 1832; William Murdock, inventor, Soho, 1839; Tz'u-Hsi, dowager Empress of China, Peking, 1908; Henryk Sienkiewicz, novelist, Nobel laureate 1905, Vevey, 1916; Lionel Barrymore, actor, Van Nuys, California, 1954.

The *SS St Paul* became the first ship to receive radio messages, transmitted from the Needles wireless station off the Isle of Wight, 1899.

The final voyage of *The Queen Elizabeth*, 1968.

Furniture collection likely to fetch £2m

By John Shaw

A CELEBRATED collection of English furniture formed by the late Eric Moller, the racehorse owner, is expected to make £2 million at Sotheby's in London on Thursday.

Mr Moller owned Teenoso which won the 1983 Epsom Derby and the coveted King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot in the following year.

He died in 1988 and the 130 lot sale comes after the death earlier this year of his widow Norma. The collection was at Thorncombe Park, their manor house home in Surrey.

It was formed under the guidance of W R Symonds, one of the most distinguished furniture historians of his day, and assembled in the 1940s and 1950s. Symonds advised several wealthy post-war collectors and in the case of Mr Moller not only helped with the selection of several pieces but also assisted in their arrangement at the house. They formed the basis of his classic study, *Furniture Making in 17th and 18th Century England*.

A group of 18th century pieces form the core of Mr Moller's collection. Chief among them are a pair of mahogany commodes formerly belonging to the Earl of Buckinghamshire and Hampden House. They are expected to make about £400,000.

The commodes are accompanied by a pair of Rococo mirrors, also from Hampden House, with frames carved in the manner of Matthias Lock. They carry a forecast of £100,000-£150,000. Among the clocks is a Queen Anne month-long walnut long case from about 1805. It was made by Thomas Tompion, the English clockmaker, and is forecast at between £70,000-£90,000.

Mr Moller came from a Scandinavian family which settled in the Far East in the 19th century. The family's fortune came from shipping but Mr Moller made three fortunes in his lifetime.

The first was lost when the Japanese seized the family shipping assets in 1941. He fled and eventually reached England where he managed a large fleet of requisitioned vessels for the Ministry of War Transport.

After the war he returned home and built up his business again only to have it seized by the communists. Determined to continue, he shifted base to Hong Kong and was soon active a third time, moving into new areas such as travel, engineering and insurance.

He was a lifelong sportsman interested in thoroughbred racing and polo and built up the famous White Lodge Stud in Newmarket, Suffolk.

Teenoso was, perhaps, the best known of several notable horses and he also ran The Jersey Lilies, a well known polo team which enjoyed considerable success at Smith's Lawn and Cowdray Park.

Forces appointments

Royal Navy

Read Admiral J J R Tod to be promoted Vice Admiral and to be Deputy Commander Fleet in succession to Vice Admiral Sir Geoffrey Biggs in June 1994.

Captain D A J Blackburn Royal Navy to be promoted Rear Admiral and to be Head of the British Defence Staff Washington in succession to Air Vice Marshal P Dodworth in April 1994.

Royal Navy & Royal Marines

COMMODORE: C M C Crawford - Coilingwood in Cmd 13.01.94.
CAPTAIN: G K Billson - Dryad MTS 12.11.93; I Redstone - Centurion 03.02.94; R F Strange - Dolphin as Captain 11.01.94; R J Tempest - SA Brazil 04.03.94
COMMANDER: A W Backhouse - Exch Australia 29.06.94; B P Boxall-Hunt - NATO Italy 31.03.94; A C Herdman - Staff of FOSNI 16.04.94; I R Hewitt - Neptune 01.03.94; R Lamb - MOD London 08.04.94; R Madge - MOD London 22.04.94; J L Milnes - MOD Bath 06.05.94; R C Pelly - DOAE W Byfleet 17.12.93; D M Perfect - Staff of FOSM 22.04.94; I S H Richards - Repulse (stbd) in Cmd 25.01.94; M Storey - MOD London 08.04.94
LOCAL LIEUTENANT COLONEL: P N Ward - JWS Poole 29.07.94
MAJOR: R G T Lane - Exch USA 13.05.94
CHAPLAIN: D Barlow - RNH Haslar 04.04.94

Retirements

CAPTAIN: C J S Craig - 07.01.94; T M Le Marchand - 07.01.94; R J Sandford - 07.01.94.
SURGEON CAPTAIN: M J Mann - 08.01.94

The Army

BRIGADIER: A P M J Naughten - To be Hd of BDLS & DA CANADA. 15.11.93.
COLONEL: J R Brown - To RAM Coll, 25.10.93; A C Farmer - To HQBF Cyprus, 15.11.93; J G Finlay - To HQ UKLF, 15.11.93; M F C Radford - To MS PB17, 18.11.93.
LIEUTENANT COLONEL: R G A Blamire RS - To BMM SANG Saudi Arabia, 18.11.93; A J Griffin RAChD - To be Sen Chapn HQ EDIST, 17.11.93; R N Hine RTR - To HQ BFHK, 15.11.93; I P G Stevens RTR - To 3 (UK) Div HQ & Sig Regt, 15.11.93; R I Webb-Bowen LD - To LD, 15.11.93; J-D M Von Merveldt RGJ - To HQ BAOR, 15.11.93; L Henderson RAMC - To HQ BFPI 25.10.93

Retirements

BRIGADIER: A J McD Clark Late RA, 17.11.93; R S Mountford Late RA, 15.11.93.
COLONEL: M G H Edwards Late RAPC, 17.11.93; W H Leach, Late RAMC, 10.11.93.

Royal Air Force

GROUP CAPTAIN: G A Woolley - To RAFC Cranwell 12.11.93; C Thirlwall - To HQ RAFSC 12.11.93.
WING COMMANDER: D J R Cole - To MOD AFD 15.11.93; C R Pitt - To MOD AFD/D Air Off 1.11.93; G R Evans - To MOD DCDS(S) 1.11.93; N C Brewer - To MATO Uxbridge 1.11.93; J Lamonte - To D AIR PLANS 1.11.93; J M M Ponsonby - To MOD/D AIR OFF 1.11.93; M C Barter - To 7 SQN Odiham 5.11.93.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend the Royal Variety performance at the Dominion Theatre at 7.35.

Prince Edward, as President of the Lord's Taverners, will attend the City of London region dinner at the Savoy Hotel at 7.55.

The Duke of Gloucester, as President of Christ's Hospital, Horsham, will attend the opening of Salters' School of Chemistry at 11.00.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of the Royal Surgical Aid Society, will visit Lea Hurst residential home for the elderly at Holloway, Matlock, at 11.35; will open Loughborough Hospital at 1.15; and will open the Created With Feeling exhibition of the Royal Leicestershire, Rutland and Wycliffe Society for the Blind and Leicestershire Museums Service at Leicestershire Museum and Art Gallery, Leicester, at 2.45.

The Duke of Kent will visit Aston Martin Lagonda Group at Tickford Street, Newport Pagnell, at 11.00; and, as trustee, will attend the Science in the 18th Century exhibition at the Science Museum at 7.00.

Princess Alexandra will attend a Rachmaninov anniversary concert given by the St Petersburg Philharmonic Orchestra at the Barbican at 7.15 in aid of the Galitzine-St Petersburg Trust.

Nature notes

The wind sweeps birds along faster, but magpies sometimes get their tails blown over their heads in the air. Wrens stay low in the bushes but are seen more now that the branches are almost bare: when they are nervous they bob up and down, and turn their bodies to and fro like clockwork to look on all sides of them. Fieldfares from the north sit conspicuously in the trees at the edge of fields, waiting for a chance to go down and feed: besides their loud "chack chack" note, they have a screaming call that sometimes precedes it. Large flocks of woodpigeons are also gathering in the fields, especially on ploughed land. Wind and rain have brought down most of the remaining leaves. Some leaves on the London plane trees cling to the twigs, waving like flags. In the hedges, purple leaves linger on the dogwood bushes and there are fat blue sloes on the blackthorns. There is also a dwarf form of blackthorn that grows on shingle beaches: the fruit looks as if it had been tipped onto the pebbles from a wheelbarrow. On damp roadsides, a few hogweed plants continue stubbornly to produce white flowers.



The fieldfare

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.M. Downing and Miss L.L. Chamberlain

The engagement is announced between Julian, son of Mr and Mrs Brian Downing, of Leatherhead, Surrey, and Lianne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Barry Chamberlain, of Fulham, London.

Mr J.J. Fildes and Miss A. Whittaker

The engagement is announced between Jason, elder son of Mr J. Fildes, of Crathorne, North Yorkshire, and Mrs Janet Fildes, of Gargrave, Yorkshire, and Annie, youngest twin daughter of Mr and Mrs R.B. Whittaker, of Burland, Cheshire.

Mr M.J. Hearnden and Miss S.V. Allen

The engagement is announced between Matt, youngest son of Mr Roger Hearnden, of Portscatho, Cornwall, and of Mrs Sheila Hearnden, of Dorchester-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, and Sophie, younger daughter of the late Mr John Allen and of Mrs Varenna Allen, of Britwell Salome, Oxfordshire.

Mr G.J. McWhirter and Miss E.T. Burnett

The engagement is announced between Gavin, son of Dr and Mrs Peter McWhirter, of Abingdon, Oxfordshire, and Emily, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh Burnett, of Hove, East Sussex.

Mr J.R.N. Plunket-Checkemian and Miss C.S. Powers

The engagement is announced between James, younger son of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Plunket-Checkemian, of Henley-on-Thames, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs George Powers, of London.

Church news

The Right Rev Ian Griggs, Suffragan Bishop of Ludlow, diocese of Hereford, it to retire as from January 31.

Appointments

Rev Donald Adams, Assistant Curate, Byfleet: to be Priest-in-charge, St Mary, East Molesey (Guildford).

Rev Christine Allsopp, Assistant Curate, Caversham St Peter; to be Team Vicar, Harmanswater, Bracknell (Oxford).

Rev Mervyn Banting, Vicar, St Cuthbert, Copnor; to be also Rural Dean of Portsmouth.

Rev James Bell, formerly Rector, St Mary's, Northolt, and Area Dean of Ealing; to be Bishop of Willesden's Adviser for Ministry (London).

Rev Anthony Berry, Assistant Curate, Farnham; to be Rector, Abinger w Coldharbour (Guildford).

Rev Peter Billingham, Vicar, Malvern Holy Trinity and St James's, and Rural Dean of Malvern; to be also Hon Canon of Worcester Cathedral.

British School at Athens

Dr Martin Jessop Price, FSA, of the British Museum (Department of Coins and Medals), to be Director of the British School at Athens, from October 1, 1994.

Michael Seely

A memorial service for Michael Seely, the former racing correspondent of *The Times*, will be held tomorrow at noon at St Bride's, Fleet Street.

The Latymer Foundation at Hammersmith

The Chairman of The Latymer Foundation at Hammersmith, Dr J. Edelman, CBE, was host at a Dinner held in the Library at Latymer Upper School on Wednesday evening. Those present were:

Mr C. Diggory (Headmaster of Latymer Upper School), Lady Goodison, Lord Henderson of Brompton, Miss M. Rudland (Headmistress of the Godolphin & Latymer School), Mr G. Slaughter (Headmaster of University College School), Mr J. Bullock, Mr J. McNair, Colonel A. Menzies, Mr C.L. Argent, Mr N.R. Orton (Second Master), Miss S. Ross, Miss H. Rossotti, Miss M.M. Biggart, Judge S.A.F. Davies, Mr B. Southcott, Mr N.L. Woolner, Mr G.M. Nissen, CBE, and Mr G. Ross-Russell.

The Foundation is pleased to announce the recent appointments of Professor A.M. Lucas (Principal of King's College, London University) and Professor Sir Geoffrey Wilkinson, FRS (Nobel Laureate) to the Governing Body of Latymer Upper School.

Service dinners

The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry

The annual dinner of the 4th Battalion The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry (TA) Officers' Club was held on Saturday at Minden House, Pontefract. Brigadier R. St C. Preston presided.

United Services Mess

The Lord Lieutenant of South Glamorgan and the Mayor of Cardiff attended the annual dinner of the United Services Mess held on Saturday at the Angel Hotel, Cardiff. Mr A.C. Lewis, mess chairman, presided. Admiral Sir Geoffrey Biggs, Deputy Commander Fleet, was the principal guest.

Dinner

Association of Cricket Umpires

The annual dinner of the Association of Cricket Umpires was held on Saturday at the Royal Clifton Hotel, Southport. Sir Colin Cowdrey, president, was in the chair. Mr Dennis Silk, President of the Marylebone Cricket Club, and the Bishop of Liverpool also spoke.

Leper hospital found

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

A MEDIEVAL leper hospital founded by royalty has been uncovered in York.

The hospital was run by monks and nuns until the Dissolution of the Monasteries under Henry VIII.

Architectural changes detected in excavations reflect the decline of leprosy as a common affliction by the end of the Middle Ages, according to Amanda Clarke, the excavation director.

St Nicholas' Hospital was founded in the 12th century, one of four or five leprosaria in the city, and remained in use for 400 years. It owned land, a windmill, and a flock of sheep to supply the inmates' needs, and was governed by St Mary's Abbey in York.

The main building was a 49ft wide aisled hall divided into "isolation" cubicles for patients. There was intensive occupation from the start but, as leprosy declined in the 14th century, other poor and needy folk were accommodated in their place, and St Nicholas's became more of an almshouse than quarantine ward.

"There isn't a massive volume of knowledge about medieval leper hospitals, and this has added significantly to what we know," Ms Clarke said. "The quality of care is surprising. They looked after lepers well in York."

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BIRTHS

ALLIOTT - On November 11th in Canberra Australia to Jane (née Madden) wife of Charles, a daughter Kate Louise.

BLOOMER - On 26th October to Judy (née May) and Jonathan, a daughter Elizabeth Sarah Anne, a sister for Helena and James.

BROOKE-TAYLOR - On November 12th to Sarah (née Hosier) and Geoffrey, a son, Charles Michael, brother to James.

BRYAN - On 12th November to Fran and David, a son, Tom.

HOLDERNESS - On 12th November to Charlotte (née Broadbent) and Andrew a daughter Henrietta Emily Alice.

NORTHCOTT - On November 10th to Kirsten and Richard, twins, Alexandra who died on the 11th and Natasha who died on the 12th.

DEATHS

APERGIS - On November 12th 1993 peacefully in hospital, Wendy (née Andrew), aged 78 years, widow of Dr. Hector D. Apergis, mother of Maxine, Susan and Patricia and grandmother of eight. Funeral Service on Thursday 25th November at 11.00am at Christ Church, Crouch End Hill, London N8 followed by private cremation. Flowers to William Nodes, 2 Broadway Parade, N8 9DE, or donation to a charity of your choice.

DEATHS

BALFOUR - On November 11th happily in Winchester, after a valiant decade of pain, Anne wife of Ian. Very much loved. Funeral at Crawley Parish Church on Wednesday November 17th at 12 noon. Family flowers only, if wished, donations to London Healing Mission, 20 Dawson Place, London W2.

COGHLAN - Patrick Boyle Lalor of Copyhold on November 11th, 1993, peacefully in hospital. Deeply loved and loving husband of June, and dearly loved father of Sally, Tim, and Annie-Lou; also loving grandfather and great grandfather. Private family cremation - please no flowers. Thanksgiving Service to be announced.

FULTON - On 11th November peacefully at home, Sidney James C.M.G., Officer of U.S. Legion of Merit, dear husband of Cynthia, much loved father of Ann, Robert and Jane, and grandfather of James, Mark, Alastair and Lydia. Funeral Service at Kingston St. Mary Parish Church, near Taunton on Friday 19th November 1.30 pm. No Memorial Service at his own request. Flowers to Leonard Smith Funeral Director, Haydon Road, Taunton (Tel: 0823 272 122). Donations if desired to the Leukaemia Research Fund, Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton, or to the Friends of UKCOSA (on United Kingdom Committee for Overseas Students Affairs) 9-17 St Albans Place, London N1 ONX.

HARRIS-CURTIS - On Wednesday November 10th 1993, peacefully Ann Harris-Curtis, dearly loved mother of Susan, Jane and Emma, mother-in-law of David and grandmother of Edward, Charlotte, Hannah and Catherine Ann. Family flowers only, donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o Camp Hopson Funeral Directors. Funeral Tuesday November 16th at 12 noon at Highclere Church.

HAWKINS - Vincent aged 90, peacefully in his sleep on 12th November. Will be very greatly missed by sons David and Peter and their wives, his grand and great grandchildren.

MUSGRAVE - On 11th November at Moorfield House, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, Hilda very dear sister of Mary and Ethel, and a loving aunt. Service at Newcastle Crematorium on Wednesday 17th November at 12 noon. Family flowers only please.

NEWMAN - On Friday 12th November peacefully at St Georges Nursing Home, Cobham. Magda joined Lajos. Her passing deeply mourned. Funeral will take place at Putney Vale Crematorium at 3.45 pm Wednesday 17th November.

NORMAN - On November 11th at home after a brave fight, Donald Joseph Norman F.R.I.C.S. Dearly beloved husband and best friend of Jo. Funeral Service at St. Mary's, Chiddingfold, Surrey 2.30 pm on Friday November 19th. Flowers or donations to "Dr. White's Cancer Research Fund" may be sent to W. Bryder & Sons, Tillington, Petworth, Sussex. Tel: 0798 42174.

PHILLIPS - On November 11th peacefully in Winchester after a short illness Kathleen aged 92 widow of Professor Arthur Phillips, beloved mother, sister and grandmother. Funeral Service at Compton Parish Church on Thursday November 18th at 2.15pm. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, to Compton Church, c/o John Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester.

WILSON-BROWN - On Saturday November 6th 1993, Joan, at the British Columbia Cancer Clinic, Vancouver, Canada. Beloved wife of Tim (deceased). Loving and devoted mother of Carol and Paul. Dear sister of Neil, Pixy and Joy. Burial and arrangements through First Memorial Funeral Services, 602 Kingsway, Vancouver, B.C. Canada, V5T 3K4.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

FOX - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Ralph Marvin Fox will be held at St. Clement Danes, Aldwych, London WC2 on Friday 19th November at 2.30 pm.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

HOGG - Ian Henry, who died on 15th November 1992. Most treasured memories of a very dear and loving husband and father. Deeply loved and sorely missed always by Gwen and Maryon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

URGENTLY need information on William Francis Quilliman, approximate D.O.B. 9/10/1916 Army latterly arrived in London 1973, employed by Strand Theatre 1974, has a sister Rose in U.S.A., possibly a daughter Christy - Virginia? Please call collect Jerry Waters U.S.A. 01012161 2887898

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OBITUARIES

H. R. HALDEMAN

Harry Robbins Haldeman, former White House chief of staff and a leading figure in the Watergate scandal, died of abdominal cancer at his home in Santa Barbara, California, on November 12 aged 67. He was born in Los Angeles on October 27, 1926.



Richard Nixon in conference with H. R. Haldeman at the White House, 1973

THE one thing no one ever accused H. R. Haldeman of was disloyalty. Almost everything else, but not disloyalty. His devotion to Richard Nixon, which began in 1948, was almost obsessive in its unswerving dedication to a man whom he saw as essential to his vision of a well-ordered American society.

Puritanically moral and a devout Christian Scientist, Haldeman enjoyed a reputation, rare in American politics, for financial incorruptibility. He neither smoked nor drank, and regarded those who did with a lofty and ill-concealed disdain.

Where Nixon was concerned he was "the keeper of the gate," the President's guardian against almost anyone who tried to gain an audience, and his abrasive style won him few friends among the press or other workers at the White House. He was said to have "a gaze that would freeze Medusa".

With his flat-topped crew-cut, Germanic name, and the verbal technique of a Marine Corps drill instructor, Haldeman soon gained the nickname of "the Iron Chancellor," after his appointment as Assistant to the President in 1969. His loyalty, lack of personal political ambition and rigid control over the White House staff, gave him an almost unprecedented concentration of power. It was a power he shared with John Ehrlichman and Henry Kissinger, forming a triumvirate which became known as "The Berlin Wall" around President Nixon.

"Every President," Haldeman once said, "needs an S. O. B.". He accepted the role with enthusiasm, protecting Nixon not only from outside conflict but also from the President's own dark side, which Haldeman recognised could be petty, vindictive and insecure.

Though he claimed to have no interest in policy matters, he was known to delay implementation of Nixon's decisions when he considered them unwise, giving the President a chance to change his mind — which he frequently did. It was said by one White House insider at the time that "there is no policy that Haldeman is responsible for, yet there is no policy that he doesn't have a hand in somehow".

Given the intensity of his hero-worship, it was ironic that Haldeman should have been largely responsible for the downfall of the Nixon presidency. It was he who convinced Nixon to set up the White House taping system in 1970, urging that it would provide an unparalleled historical record of his presidency. Which it did, all too well.

If the tapes had not existed, or if their existence had not been revealed by one of Haldeman's protégés, Alexander Butterfield, there might have been no proof of White House involvement in the Watergate scandal and no move for impeachment. Haldeman always denied prior knowledge of the Watergate affair, which began in June 1972 when five employees of the Committee to Re-Elect the President (CREEP) were caught in the act of placing electronic eavesdropping devices in the headquarters of the Democratic National Committee. His first reaction, he once said, had been to ask: "Wire-tap the Democratic National Committee? For what?"

But as the Senate hearings proceeded it became clear that he and other high-ranking White House officials had been deeply implicated in the cover-up operation, and on April 30, 1973, President Nixon announced the resignations of both Haldeman and Ehrlichman.

Haldeman continued to testify before the Senate, claiming that the Watergate scandal had not come to presidential attention before March 1973. Five years later, however, in his book *The Ends of Power*, he was to say that President Nixon "initiated the Watergate break-in" and participated in its cover-up "from Day I". It was his one lapse from unswerving support of the former President, and was said to have been prompted by Nixon's statement in a 1977 David Frost interview that he had been "too soft-hearted" in not firing Haldeman and Ehrlichman sooner.

On January 1, 1975, Haldeman was convicted on one count of conspiracy, one of obstruction of justice, and three counts of perjury before the Senate investigating committee. He was sentenced to from two-and-a-half to eight years' imprisonment, though this was later reduced on appeal to from one to four years. In the end he served just 18 months in the minimum security facility at Lompoc, California — known to its inmates as "Club Fed" because of its lax regime — and was released on parole in December 1978.

The son of a successful California businessman, "Bob" Haldeman was educated at private schools and the University of California at Los Angeles before beginning a successful career with the J. Walter Thompson advertising agency.

He became attracted to Richard Nixon when watching the latter's performance on the Un-American Activities Committee in 1948, and offered to join his vice-presidential election campaign in 1952.

That offer was refused, but Haldeman persisted, was hired as an advance man for the 1956 campaign, and from then on was rarely far from Nixon's side. When Nixon staged his political come-back in 1968 he assumed the role of campaign manager, using his advertising skills to sell the image of "the new Nixon" and orchestrating the campaign to keep the candidate as remote as possible from both the press and potentially unfriendly audiences. The success of that technique was soon to make Haldeman the *éminence grise* of the White House. But it also fostered the sense of remoteness and arrogance that was to lead to his own and his President's downfall.

H. R. Haldeman is survived by his wife Joanne, two sons and two daughters.

A. N. SHERWIN-WHITE

A. N. Sherwin-White, Reader in Ancient History at the University of Oxford, 1966-79, died on November 1 aged 82. He was born on August 10, 1911.



ADRIAN Sherwin-White gained an international reputation for his exposition on Roman citizenship which concluded that Rome's success in winning consent to her rule from neighbouring communities and in creating unity in her empire was strengthened by steadily granting equal rights to her subjects. His thesis on Roman statecraft qualified him for a doctorate in philosophy, which he disdained to take, and was converted into *Roman Citizenship* (1939), a book which gained the Conington Prize. It will long remain the standard treatment, especially in the revised and enlarged edition of 1973.

Adrian Nicholas Sherwin-White was educated at Merchant Taylors' School and St John's College, Oxford, where he obtained firsts in both Classical Moderations and "Greats" and in 1935 won the Derby Scholarship and Arnold Historical Essay Prize. He succeeded his old tutor, Hugh Last, as ancient history tutor at St John's, when Last became Camden Professor of Ancient History in 1936. It was under Last's direction that he took as a subject for research the issue of Roman citizenship.

As a naval officer in the war, Sherwin-White worked on editing some of the Admiralty series of Geographical Handbooks. After 1945 college teaching left him with little leisure until his appointment as Reader in 1966. But he continued to produce important articles, especially on legal and administrative aspects of Roman history. His knowledge of these matters and his conviction of the essential historicity of the narratives in the New Testament both came out in a small but valuable work, *Roman Society and Roman Law in the New Testament* (1963). Meanwhile he was engaged on studies, (again suggested by Last), that bore fruit in a massive historical and social commentary on the letters of Pliny, published in 1966. Carping critics dilated unduly on its faults, but it was not surprising, given the range of subject matter in which expertise was ideally required, that the book was marred by errors in some fields of inquiry. In fact no scholar had previously produced a general commentary on Pliny, and the book will long be in constant use by all students of Pliny's age; it is a mine of information and distinguished by the author's sympathetic understanding of Pliny's own mind and style.

Many must have thought Sherwin-White the natural successor to the Camden Chair when it fell vacant in 1970 but this was not to be; he bore the disappointment with rare magnanimity, and it was a consolation to him that his connection with St John's was not severed. He had been elected fellow of the British Academy in 1956. His other publications included *Racial Prejudice in Imperial Rome* (1967) and *Roman Foreign Policy in the East 167BC-AD1* (1983).

Adrian Sherwin-White is survived by his wife Marie, a son and a daughter.

SIR JAMES SCOTT, Bt

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James Scott, second Bt, JP, Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, died following a heart attack on November 2 aged 69. He was born on October 26, 1924.



JAMES SCOTT'S quarter-of-a-century in the Army ended with his commanding the Household Cavalry's mounted regiment, the Prince of Wales's 1969 Caernarfon Investiture being among the royal ceremonies he took part in. But Scott first won his spurs far away from the scarlet and gold of state occasions, as a subaltern during the last stage of the second world war, then on active service in the Middle and Far East.

The pattern of his career was unusual, in that he spent the first part of it in the footguards. Commissioned into the Grenadiers on leaving Eton, he crossed the Channel shortly after D-Day and fought with the Guards Armoured Division through Northern France and into Belgium, where he was involved in the liberation of Brussels.

He continued as a Grenadier after the war, in Palestine, Malaya and in Cyprus. He was ADC to two successive viceroys of India, Wavell and Mountbatten, becoming a lifelong admirer of the latter. From 1956 he was for a while the adjutant at Sandhurst. In late 1960, he was transferred to the Life Guards, with a view to being groomed as their commanding officer, at a time when Britain's senior regiment had produced no suitable candidate of its own.

He soon returned to Cyprus, this time as military assistant to General Sir Dudley Ward, commander-in-chief Near East. On the death of Ward's wife the Scotts moved into his house so that Mrs Scott could help out as hostess.

In 1964 Scott went back to Cyprus for the third time now wearing the blue beret of the UN peacekeeping force. He then took over command of the Life Guards. The death of his father in 1966 led to his returning from Malaysia on compassionate leave, after which he was switched to take charge of the mounted regiment. He retired from the Army in 1969.

James Walter Scott was born in Scotland where his father, an officer in the 7th Hussars, happened to be serving at the time. But he grew up at Rotherfield Park, the Hampshire estate which his forebears, leading builders and brick manufacturers in Fulham, had bought in 1808. His mother was a Miss Walter, a descendant of John Walter, founder of *The Times*, while the baronetcy was created in 1962 for his father, in recognition of his public service in Hampshire.

James Scott himself, on leaving the Army, built up a gruelling schedule of public duties. Continuing his military interests, he became honorary colonel of the 2nd Battalion of the Wessex Regiment (Volunteers) between 1985 and 1990. He then took up a similar appointment with the Hampshire and Isle of Wight cadet force. He also maintained his links with London pageantry by joining in 1977 HM Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms. He was made the Body Guard's standard bearer in 1990, then only two months ago was promoted to its senior working rank of lieutenant. Between 1973 and 1983 he was a member of Hampshire County Council. He became a deputy lieutenant in 1978 and served as high sheriff in 1981-82, after which he was invited to become the Lord Lieutenant.

During the last ten years he must have been one of the busiest lords lieutenant in the country, with so many armed forces bases in the county. He frequently had to turn out for as many as three royal visits in one week.

He was also a Knight of St John and, at various times, Master of the Mercers' Company, chairman of Winchester Cathedral Trust and also chairman of the Country Landowners' Association in Hampshire. Since 1990 he had been a fellow of Portsmouth Polytechnic. A tall, athletic man, Scott played cricket for the Eton Second XI as a schoolboy and rode at point-to-points as a young man. He maintained his interest in racing throughout his life and in later years became a steward at Ascot and Kempton Park. He took great pride in the success of his youngest son Alex as a trainer at Newmarket.

Sir James Scott is survived by his wife Anne, three sons and a daughter. A second daughter died at the age of five. His eldest son James now succeeds him as the third baronet.

ROGER BAKER

Roger Baker, journalist and authority on drag, died in Dumfries, Scotland, on November 8 aged 59. He was born in Nottinghamshire, on October 15, 1934.



MEN in frocks have been a part of the British theatrical tradition since the 13th and 14th centuries, when the Church forbade the appearance on stage of women. But the practice of "cross-dressing" went into decline until the beginning of this century when men such as George Robey and Dan Leno made their names as pantomime dames and Vesta Tilley dressed as a man.

Curiously, the subject did not come under close scrutiny until 1968, when Roger Baker published his seminal study *Drag: A history of female impersonation on the stage*. In this erudite and immensely readable history, Baker traces this especially British phenomenon from the lads who were Shakespeare's leading ladies to stars such as Sir Alec Guinness (who donned a frock in Simon Gray's *Wise Child*, 1967) and Ronald Pickup who played Rosalind in an all-male *As You Like It* at the National Theatre at the Old Vic (also 1967) to cabaret performers Douglas Byng and Danny La Rue and pub entertainers such as Mrs Shufflewick and Jean Fredericks. The book was in the process of being almost completely rewritten for a new edition to be published in 1994 when Baker died from complications arising from the emphysema that had plagued him for many years.

A graduate in English and American Studies from the University of Nottingham Roger Baker gravitated towards journalism, starting his career on the Nottingham *Evening Post* and the Nottingham *Guardian Journal*, writing music criticism. Arriving in London with the dawn of the "swinging Sixties", he quickly established himself as a dependable features writer for *The Tatler*, *London Life* and *The Illustrated London News* and developed a parallel career as a regular contributor to the fledgling homosexual press. He was later to write both for *Gay News* and *Gay Times*.

Roger Baker's particular areas of expertise included food and cookery, opera, film and theatre and he wrote books on most of these subjects. His list of publications includes biographies of Bette Davis and Marilyn Monroe, a coffee table book on Israel and a serious examination of excorcism, *Binding the Devil*.

As befits a man whose interests included food and drink, Roger Baker was wonderfully convivial company and a journalist of the old school — his copy was always clean and on time.

STANLEY MYERS

Stanley Myers, composer, of film scores, died on November 9 aged 63. He was born in Edgbaston, Birmingham, on October 6, 1930.



STANLEY MYERS was a distinguished British composer best known for *Cavatina* composed for the guitarist John Williams, which was used as the theme for the 1977 film *The Deerhunter*. It earned him the Ivor Novello Award. In 1985 he collaborated with Stephen Frears to write the music for the highly acclaimed *My Beautiful Laundrette*. He continued this partnership by composing the score for *Prick Up Your Ears* which won the award for Best Artistic Contribution at the 1987 Cannes film festival.

His career began in the theatre in the Fifties. He composed various pieces for Peter Cook's Establishment club, before moving into the world of film and television. He soon gained a reputation within the industry as a connoisseur's composer with an individual and distinctive instrumentation, including music for the controversial *Ulysses* (1967) and the BBC's *All Gas and Gaiters*. But his concert work never quite received the acclaim he hoped for, and he always called the successful *Cavatina* his "albatross".

Stanley Myers was a Foundation Scholar at King Edward's School, Birmingham, then moving on to Trinity College of Music, London. Subsequently, he was a Domus History Scholar at Balliol College, Oxford, eventually taking a degree in PPE.

Myers always preferred to work for particular directors, most recently with his friend Nicholas Roeg, winning the Ivor Novello award a second time for *The Witches* in 1991. He also provided the title music for the BBC's *Question Time*. He is survived by his second wife, Brigitte, and a son by his first marriage.

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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
JWK ENGINEERING LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that P R Sykes of BDO Binder Hamlyn, 20 Old Bailey, London, EC4M 7BH was appointed Liquidator of the above company on 19 October 1993 (members) and 2nd November 1993 (creditors).
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P R Sykes, Liquidator

Rule 4.106 of
The Insolvency Act 1986
ONACROFT LIMITED
IN LIQUIDATION
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, David John Mason of Morten Thornton & Co Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Herts, AL1 1HD, was appointed Liquidator of Onacroft Limited at a meeting of the company's creditors held on 4 October 1993.
David John Mason, Liquidator
DATED this 5 day of November 1993

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
TOLERHIRE LIMITED
Registered Number: 885615.
Former company name. Tolers Garage (Haulage) Limited (Changed name 26th May 1977). Trading name: As incorporated. Nature of business: Vehicle hire contractors. Trade Classification: 46. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receiver: Thursday, 4th November 1993. Name of Person appointing the Administrative Receiver: Belmont Bank Limited. Administrative Receiver: Christopher Guy Adams. Office Holder Number: 8593. Address: 18 Cavendish Square, London, W1M 9DA.

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R K BOUTIQUES LTD AND LOGSRAY LTD
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in pursuance of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named companies will be held at Arthur Anderson, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT on Wednesday 1 December 1993 at 10.00 am for the purpose of having an account laid before them, showing the events leading up to the appointment of the Joint Administrative Receivers, the manner in which the administrative receivership has been conducted and the property of the company disposed of, and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Joint Administrative Receivers. A copy of the report is available, free of charge, on written request to the Joint Administrative Receivers at: Arthur Anderson PO Box 58 1 Surrey Street London WC2R 2NT. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. A proxy is entitled to vote at the meeting only if he has given to the Receivers, not later than 12.00 pm on the business day before the above day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the company, and this claim has been duly admitted by the Receivers. A creditor entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting may appoint a proxy or proxies to attend and vote instead of him.
DATED this 11th day of November 1993.
A D Lewis,
Joint Administrative Receiver

NO 008910 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE CORPORATE SERVICES GROUP PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
Notice is hereby given that a petition was on the 13th day of October 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the Reduction of Capital of the above named Company from £13,418,905 to £4,640,847.60.
AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr. Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2 on Wednesday the 24th day of November 1993.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of any Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of the issued deferred shares should appear at the time of hearing by person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated this 15th day of November 1993.
Richards Butler
Beaufort House
15 St. Botolph Street
London EC3A 7EE

In the Matter of Greatwest Electrical Group Limited
And in the Matter of the Insolvency Act and Rules 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106, we, Colin M Haig of Neville Russell, 1 Telford Way, Luton LU1 1HT and Adrian P Stanway of Cork Gully Hill House, Richmond Hill, Bournemouth BH2 6HR, give notice that on 14 October 1993 we were appointed joint liquidators of Greatwest Electrical Group Limited by resolutions of members and creditors.
Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before 30 November 1993 to send in their full christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned A R Stanway of Cork Gully, Hill House, Richmond Hill, Bournemouth BH2 6HR, the Joint liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Joint liquidator are personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution.
Dated: October 1993
Colin M Haig of Neville Russell
Joint Liquidator
Adrian R Stanway of Cork Gully
Joint Liquidator

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TEL: 071-782 7344
or FAX: 071-481 9313

Rule 4.106 of
The Insolvency Act 1986
DEALDART LTD - In Liquidation
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, Nigel John Hamilton-Smith of Morten Thornton & Co Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD was appointed Liquidator of Dealdart Limited by the Secretary of State on 7th October 1993.
DATED this 8th day of November 1993
N J Hamilton-Smith, Liquidator

ELM DISEASE
RAPID SPREAD IN ENGLAND
FORESTRY COMMISSION'S REPORT

Though elm disease has been known on the Continent for over a decade it was not recorded in England until 1927, but research work carried out by the Forestry Commission shows that it is increasing rapidly in this country. In a report just published by the Forestry Commission it is stated that it was first recorded in 1919 by a Dutch mycologist as a disease causing the die-back of elms, but as only a few trees were known to be affected it was regarded rather as an interesting rarity than as a possible start of an epidemic. In the following year, however, cases were reported over a large area in Holland and Northern France, and the disease was recognized as serious. With each succeeding year the malady has spread until now it appears to have covered almost the whole of western and central Europe.

In England, it was first definitely found in 1927 attacking a single tree at Totteridge, in Hertfordshire, but there is little doubt that it was present in the Isle of Wight, and possibly in other districts, several years before that date. From 1928 the Forestry Commissioners arranged for annual surveys to be carried out. The investigation made by Mr. T.R. Peace, of the Imperial Forestry Institute, Oxford, has thrown some light on the distribution and rate of spread of the disease.

The position at the end of 1928 was that the disease was known to be present in 19 counties, restricted to the Midlands and South of England. Approximately 600 trees were proved to be affected, though this was certainly an under-statement of the real figure. Six species of elm, including all the common forms, were recorded as having been attacked, and there was no evidence that any one species was more (or less) resistant than the others. Trees of all ages also were found to be diseased, although the attack appeared to be more rapid in the younger trees. In 1929, a year with a hot, dry summer, the disease became more general, and considerably larger numbers of infected trees were found in most of the centres visited in the previous years. Based on numbers of trees observed the disease had nearly doubled itself in the year, while six counties had to be added to the list of infected areas.

This year the survey has again indicated a very considerable spread of the disease, the numbers of diseased trees recorded being double those found in 1929. The disease has also extended further to the north as well as the south-west. It is now known to occur in 27 counties in England, from Cumberland in the north to Kent and the Isle of Wight in the south, and Devon in the south-west. The only Welsh county known to be affected is Denbighshire. There is no record from Scotland.

The cause of the disease is a fungus, *Graphium ulmi*, specific to trees of the elm order, which works in the outer rings of the wood and presumably destroys the infected portion of the tree by interfering with the movement of the cell sap — under the microscope the cells are seen to be choked with cross partitions known as tyloses.

ON THIS DAY
November 15 1930

Though many people might say it was in the recent past that elms disappeared from much of the countryside, clearly elm disease had struck much earlier

NEWS

Major beefs up his "basics" call

■ Amid signs that senior ministers are becoming alarmed that his social agenda is in danger of being bogged down, John Major will relaunch his faltering "back to basics" initiative tonight by distancing himself from calls to curb welfare payments to single mothers.

Outlining his path to greater prosperity in his speech to the Lord Mayor's banquet, he will spotlight his plans for reform of education and law and order ..... **Pages 1, 2, 15, 34**

Good teaching the key, says Patten

■ The independent National Commission on Education says Britain is developing an underclass with an anti-education ethos, but John Patten, the education secretary, said yesterday that good teaching could produce the same results in deprived areas as in middle-class districts ..... **Pages 1, 2, 31**

Asylum take-over

Ten UN soldiers are protecting 360 psychiatric patients who have taken over their Bakovici asylum in Bosnia after Muslim staff fled in the face of a Croat-Serb offensive ..... **Pages 1, 10**

Pier smashed

A crane platform which broke free of its moorings in high wings smashed the Victorian pier at Cromer, Norfolk as gales lashed eastern England ..... **Page 1**

Remembrance row

As Remembrance Sunday was marked throughout Britain, Germany's leaders ignored Jewish criticism and opened the first national war memorial in Berlin ..... **Pages 1, 10**

Red tape slashed

A highlight of the Queen's Speech on Thursday will be a bill overhauling the 3,500 regulations which govern the activities of British companies ..... **Page 2**

Legal clarity

Government lawyers are following Napoleonic principles to help Parliament to draft clearer laws ..... **Pages 2, 15**

Drug children

Britain's drugs problem is highlighted by one team which has counselled a child of seven and one of 15 who owes dealers £600 ..... **Page 8**

Judges 'smeared'

Italian judges leading the campaign against political corruption yesterday rejected claims that they were being secretly investigated for Mafia links and said they had become victims of a smear campaign ..... **Page 10**

Tea trolley trap

Hereford social services have been criticised for forcing Peter Chandler, 38, a stroke victim, to spend his days in a tea trolley so that his movements could be restricted ..... **Page 4**

Peace progress

Yassir Arafat's condemnation of the murder of a Jewish settler by Palestinians has been welcomed by Israel putting the peace process back on course ..... **Page 11**

President elected

Sardar Farooq Leghari, an Oxford-educated tribal leader, has been elected president of Pakistan, bolstering the position of Benazir Bhutto, the prime minister ..... **Page 11**

Torture charges

Amnesty International, in its latest report to the United Nations, accuses police in Portugal of torturing prisoners "acting with virtual impunity" ..... **Page 10**

Job cuts call

Sir Peter Kemp, a former permanent secretary in charge of the civil service, has recommended 25 per cent cuts in Whitehall jobs ..... **Page 4**

Finding the lost

Britain's senior police officers will decide this week whether to give the go-ahead for the first national missing persons bureau ... **Page 5**

Workers' playtime with Chairman Mao

■ Mao Tse Tung, according to a BBC documentary programme to be screened next month, far from being the epitome of ascetic living and cold baths, had a voracious appetite for young girls known as "playmates" and liked group sex sessions. Married at least four times, he also had a string of mistresses ..... **Page 9**



Petty Officer Paul Cowpe won the Agfa prize in the Peregrine Trophy awards for Royal Navy photographers with a portfolio of pictures which included this one of a Royal Marines patrol on a specialist exercise in a Norwegian winter landscape

SPORT

Cricket: David Gower has retired to concentrate on a career in the media. Ted Dexter and Graham Gooch are among those paying tribute to one of the world's most popular cricketers ..... **Pages 19, 21**

Rugby Union: Scotland will field the biggest lineout in international rugby against New Zealand at Murrayfield next Saturday with five forwards of 6ft 5in or more ..... **Page 19**

Fishing: The National Rivers Authority is to announce an overhaul of the angling rod licence system in England and Wales ensuring that, at least in the short term, trout and salmon anglers will pay less than originally feared ..... **Page 19**

BUSINESS

Spending watch: The Chancellor is expected to introduce a system akin to commercial accounting to make it easier to see if state spending programmes are being delivered efficiently ..... **Page 36**

Ferranti rescue: The war of words over the future of Ferranti, the ailing electronics group, is hotting up on publication of GEC's penny-a-share rescue bid ..... **Page 36**

Harrogate warning: Many manufacturers are still struggling to emerge from recession and fear the worst if anything is done in the Budget that stops the economic recovery from gathering pace, the Chancellor will be told in Harrogate today ..... **Page 34**

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Bravado and strength: "After 26 years of abseiling down skyscrapers and scaling castle walls to deliver chocolates to his ladylove, the Milk Tray Man is tamed." But Libby Purves is restless ..... **Page 12**

On the rack: Fashion buyers are paid to deal in hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of decisions. Does each new approaching season fill them with terror? Iain R. Webb reports ..... **Page 13**

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Business Travel: Eight pages of news, views and information about the world of the business passenger now and in the future ..... **Section 3**

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Between present and past: Today a splendid new gallery opens at the Science Museum in London and for the first time in a decade, it will be possible to see the collection of scientific instruments that once belonged to George III ..... **Page 27**

Showing its age: Forty years ago, Noel Coward's *Relative Values* showed how snobbish was Britain. The current Savoy Theatre revival shows that the play is more an embarrassing piece of social history ..... **Page 27**

Behind bars: Pimlico Opera and the gentlemen of Wandsworth Prison have scored a great success with a production, inside the prison, of *Guys and Dolls* ..... **Page 28**

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



Father Patrick Moloney, 61, is one of three suspected IRA sympathisers arrested in New York in connection with a $7.4-million hold-up
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Uta Pippig, 28, of Germany, a former world indoor 5,000 metres record holder, was the first woman in the New York marathon yesterday
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Michael Jackson, who called off his world tour because of his addiction to painkillers, is thought to be in a London clinic
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THE TIMES TOMORROW

The cold wind of legal change

■ The Bar is starting to feel the chill effects of the government's legal reforms. What is the profession going to do about it?

Anyone for tennis chaos?

■ Its stars are missing or threatening retirement and its authorities are in disarray. Stuart Jones looks at the clouded future of women's tennis

Honoured abroad

■ Like so many leading British artists, Richard Deacon seems more appreciated on the continent. Which is why Richard Cork went to Hanover

TV LISTINGS

In the style of *Hill Street Blues* is a new cop series, *Homicide: Life on the Street* (C-4 10pm) ..... **Page 35**

OPINION

The economy, stupid

The CBI knows that however potent the politics of single mothers and squatters, the most powerful issue governing John Major's survival is the economy ..... **Page 15**

Copying Europe

Britain needs more competent — or simply more — parliamentary draftsmen to resolve the conflict between British and European legal cultures ..... **Page 15**

Hot red lover

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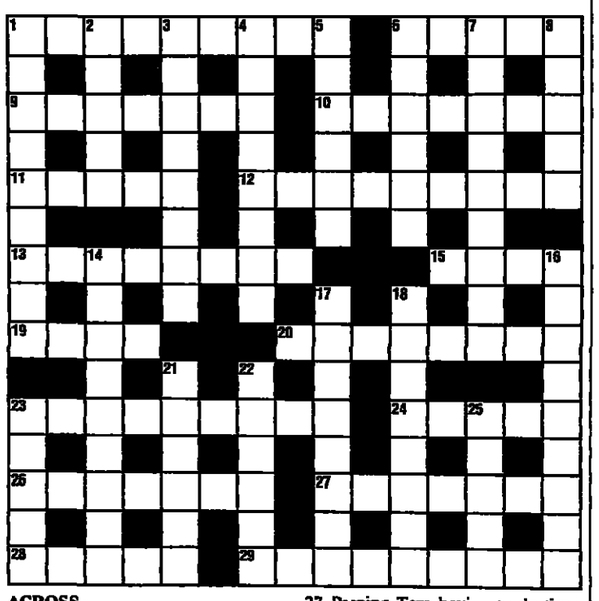
The congressional vote this week on Nafta will test President Clinton's ability to shape major legislation and the US long-standing commitment to open trade

The New York Times

An alert needs to be sounded that Iraq is stepping up its campaign to slip out of UN sanctions

The Washington Post

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1 He'll make the arrangements for a singer, or play (9).
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PURE SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY

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Scotland will soon cloud over from the west as winds reach gale force. Rain, heavy at times, will follow. After a cold, bright start for Northern Ireland, rain, heavy at times, will follow but it will become drier by evening. England and Wales will be mostly bright and sunny after a cold and frosty start in places. Cloud and rain will reach the northwest later. Outlook: cold and frosty in south and east, milder with rain at times in northwest.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	18	64	s	Madrid	12	54	f
Alicante	15	59	c	Majorca	16	64	s
Alex'dria	20	68	c	Malaga	16	61	f
Algiers	18	64	s	Malta	21	70	s
Amst'dm	8	46	r	Melb'rne	18	64	c
Athens	15	59	f	Miami*	29	84	c
Bahrain	22	72	s	Milan	8	46	c
Bangkok	33	91	f	Montreal*	2	36	r
Barbados*	30	86	f	Moscow	-8	18	sn
Barcelona	16	61	s	Munich	10	50	c
Beirut	17	63	f	Nairobi	27	81	f
Belgrade	1	34	c	Naples	15	59	s
Berlin	3	37	r	N Delhi	25	77	f
Biarritz	13	55	r	N York*	12	54	c
Borde'x	14	57	f	Nice	16	61	s
Brussels	7	45	c	Oslo	5	41	r
Budapst	-2	28	c	Paris	9	48	f
B Aires*	19	66	f	Peking	7	45	d
Cairo	21	70	f	Perth	27	81	f
Cape Tn	21	70	s	Prague	2	36	c
Chicago*	17	63	f	Reykjavik	1	34	c
Ch'church	13	55	c	Rhodes	18	64	f
Cologne	11	52	c	Rio de J	39	102	f
C'phagn	5	41	c	Riyadh	19	66	s
Corfu	15	59	s	Rome	15	59	s
Dublin	7	45	s	Salzburg	6	43	c
Dubrovnik	14	57	s	S F'risco*	14	57	s
Faro	22	72	s	Santiago*	24	75	s
Florence	11	52	s	Seoul	16	61	c
Frankfurt	10	50	r	Sing'por	26	77	r
Funchal	18	64	r	St'holm	3	37	r
Geneva	14	57	f	Strasb'rg	13	55	c
Gibraltar	17	63	c	Sydney	20	68	c
Helsinki	-3	27	s	Tangier	20	68	f
Hong K	28	79	s	Tel Aviv	19	66	s
Innsbrck	8	46	f	Tenerife	20	68	c
Istanbul	9	48	r	Tokyo	22	72	c
Jeddah	34	93	s	Toronto*	9	48	c
Jo'burg*	21	70	f	Tunis	21	70	f
Karachi	27	81	f	Valencia	18	64	s
L Palmas	21	70	c	Vanc'ver*	8	46	s
La Tquet	8	46	f	Venice	11	52	s
Lisbon	17	63	s	Vienna	3	37	f
Locarno	10	50	c	Warsaw	-3	27	f
L Angels*	16	61	s	Wash'ton*	14	57	r
Lucerne	9	48	r	Wellington	12	54	s
Luxor	28	79	s	Zurich	12	54	f

* denotes Saturday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	5.7	-	5	41	sunny
Anglesey	-	0.13	8	46	rain
Aviemore	2.2	0.01	3	37	fog
Belfast	1.1	0.04	7	45	rain
Birmingham	-	1.17	8	46	rain
Bognor Regis	-	0.66	11	52	rain
Bournemouth	-	0.87	12	54	rain
Bristol	-	0.80	13	55	rain
Buxton	-	0.82	5	41	rain
Cardiff	-	1.06	12	54	rain
Clacton	-	0.42	9	48	rain
Cromer	-	0.41	8	46	rain
Edinburgh	3.1	-	5	41	bright
Eskdalemuir	1.6	0.14	3	37	cloudy
Exmouth	-	0.41	12	54	rain
Falmouth	-	0.92	13	55	rain
Folkestone	-	0.16	10	50	rain
Glasgow	4.5	-	5	41	bright
Guernsey	-	0.37	14	57	rain
Hastings	-	0.40	10	50	rain
Hunstanton	-	0.61	9	48	rain
Isle of Man	-	0.12	8	46	rain
Jersey	-	0.20	13	55	rain
Kinloss	6.1	-	7	45	sunny
Leeds	-	0.20	6	43	rain
Lerwick	3.9	0.14	6	43	shower
Littlehampton	-	0.69	11	52	rain
Liverpool	-	0.47	7	45	rain
London	-	0.41	10	50	rain
Lowestoft	-	0.55	9	48	rain
Manchester	-	0.31	7	45	rain
Margate	-	0.22	10	50	rain
Minehead	*	0.23	13	55	rain
Morecambe	-	0.47	7	45	rain
Newcastle	0.1	0.01	6	43	rain
Newquay	-	0.67	13	55	rain
Nottingham	-	0.96	7	45	rain
Penzance	-	1.29	13	55	rain
Plymouth	-	1.12	12	54	rain
Poole	-	1.06	13	55	rain
Saunton Snd	-	0.76	12	54	rain
Scilly Isles	-	0.70	13	55	rain
Southend	-	0.19	10	50	rain
Southsea	-	0.70	10	50	rain
Stornoway	6.0	0.09	7	45	sunny
Swansea	-	0.93	12	54	rain
Teignmouth	-	0.59	13	55	rain
Tenby	-	1.27	12	54	rain
Tiree	1.6	0.02	8	46	shower
Torquay	-	0.69	13	55	rain
Weymouth	-	0.87	13	55	rain

* denotes Not Available
These are Saturday's figures

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 8C (46F); min 6pm to 6am, 7C (45F). Humidity: 6pm, 48 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.13in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.5hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,023.7 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, Channel Islands, 14C (57F); lowest day max, Strathallan, Tayside, 1C (34F); highest rainfall: Milford Haven, Dyfed, 1.49in; highest sunshine: Kinloss, Moray Firth, 6.1hr.

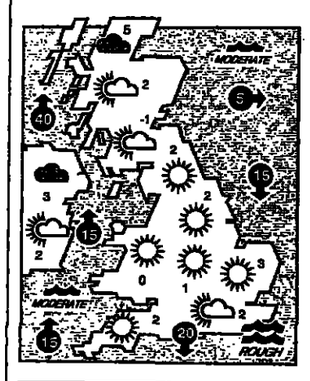
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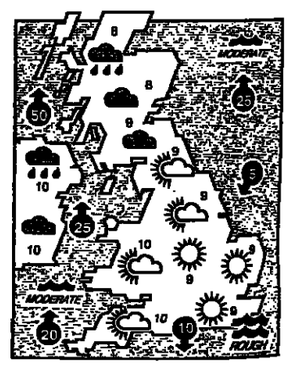
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Yesterday: Temp, max 6am to 6pm, 8C (46F); min 6pm to 6am, -1C (30F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 7.0hr.

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PM



LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 4.41 pm to 6.49 am
Bristol 4.51 pm to 6.58 am
Edinburgh 4.35 pm to 7.19 am
Manchester 4.42 pm to 7.05 am
Penzance 5.09 pm to 7.04 am

Sun rises: 7.19 am
Sun sets: 4.11 pm
Moon rises: 9.10 am
Moon sets: 5.31 pm
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YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	7	45	f	Guernsey	9	48	f
B'mgham	7	45	f	Inverness	6	43	s
Blackpool	7	45	f	Jersey	10	50	f
Bristol	9	48	s	London	7	45	f
Cardiff	8	46	r	M'nchster	6	43	f
Edinburgh	7	45	f	Newcastle	6	43	s
Glasgow	7	45	s	R'nldsway	8	46	f

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.11	7.2	2.30	7.4
Aberdeen	1.33	4.6	1.54	4.5
Avonmouth	7.45	13.9	8.06	13.7
Belfast	11.32	3.7	11.57	3.7
Cardiff	7.30	12.7	7.53	12.5
Devonport	6.22	5.8	6.44	5.7
Dover	11.25	7.0	11.50	6.8
Falmouth	5.51	5.6	6.14	5.5
Glasgow	1.03	5.1	1.38	5.1
Harwich	12.07	4.2	12.27	4.3
Hollyhead	10.42	5.9	11.09	5.8
Hull	6.41	7.8	7.02	7.7
Ilfracombe	6.24	9.7	6.48	9.8
King's Lynn	6.51	7.1	7.13	7.0
Leith	3.01	5.9	3.21	5.8

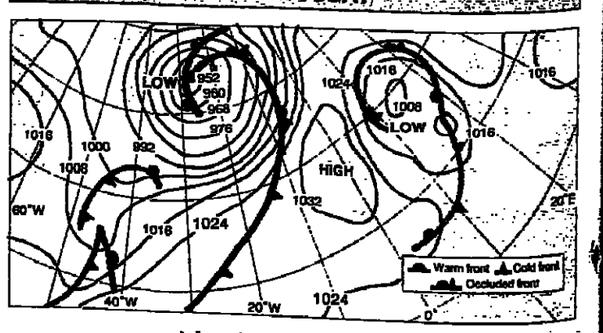
TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	11.44	9.9	—	—
Lowestoft	9.52	2.7	10.13	2.8
Margate	12.10	4.9	12.28	5.0
Milford Haven	6.41	7.4	7.04	7.3
Newquay	5.31	7.4	5.54	7.3
Oban	6.06	4.2	6.22	4.1
Penzance	5.17	5.9	5.42	5.9
Portland	7.13	2.4	7.35	2.2
Portsmouth	11.54	5.0	—	—
Shoreham	11.37	6.5	—	—
Southampton	11.16	4.8	11.46	4.7
Swansea	6.46	10.1	7.07	10.0
Tees	3.57	5.6	4.19	5.7
W'ton-on-Nze	—	—	12.18	4.5

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.34	2.14
Austria Sch	18.57	17.07
Belgium Fr	56.52	52.12
Canada $	2.0526	1.8925
Cyprus Cypf	0.785	0.735
Denmark Kr	10.58	9.78
Finland Mrk	9.25	8.45
France Fr	9.17	8.47
Germany Dm	2.65	2.44
Greece Dr	378.50	351.50
Hong Kong $	12.07	11.07
Ireland Pt	1.10	1.02
Italy Lire	2550.00	2395.00
Japan Yen	175.00	115.50
Malta Mtl	0.615	0.560
Netherlands Gld	2.955	2.725
Norway Kr	11.47	10.67
Portugal Esc	268.00	249.50
South Africa Rd	5.70	4.80
Spain Pta	209.00	195.00
Sweden Kr	12.74	11.94
Switzerland Fr	2.34	2.16
Turkey Lira	20500	19500
USA $	1.575	1.445

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THE TIMES

MONDAY NOVEMBER 15 1993

England's best-loved cricketer closes an illustrious innings

Gower retires from game he adorned

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

DAVID Gower emerged yesterday from two months of agonising with a decision which will cause no great surprise but immense regret. He announced his retirement from cricket and, in a year which has already seen the end of Ian Botham's career, English cricket has lost its two leading personalities.

Gower informed Hampshire, his county, on Friday that he did not wish to fulfil the final year of his contract. There was no argument, no attempt to change his mind. "If he didn't feel right mentally about carrying on, we wouldn't have got the best from him," Tony Baker, the Hampshire chief executive, said.

There will, however, be widespread mourning of Gower's departure, not least by the MCC members who forced a special general meeting of the club last winter to debate his exclusion from England's party to tour India. Gower has always commanded a large and passionate support and, in recent years, it would be no exaggeration to call him the world's best-loved cricketer.

After playing 117 Tests and 114 one-day internationals in a career spanning 19 seasons with two counties, Gower, 36, is to move full-time into media work, writing for a Sunday newspaper and broadcasting on television. Like Botham's, his break from the active side of the game will be total.

"I enjoyed the challenge of playing the game at top level," he said. "I enjoyed doing things well and that was the way it had to finish, not by playing on for the sake of it. I don't want to regret my decision. I want to look forward properly to a new career and a different emphasis in my life."

Gower will now go to the Caribbean as a writer and commentator this winter, though he stressed yesterday that he would have turned down all such work if he had decided to continue playing. "If I was going to play properly I needed to be back in training in April, so it was a simple question of whether I wanted to play cricket or do the other things on offer."

He concluded that, for all the attractions of a farewell year on the county circuit and the lingering hope of one more England recall, he no longer felt sufficient motivation to play. "The hardest decision for all athletes is the question of when to hang up the boots before someone else comes in and gives you an almighty shove," he said. "Motivation works wonders: while it is still there, minor problems can be cast aside. Now that mine is once again suspect, the time is right to make progress in other disciplines."

The difficulty of Gower's decision was increased by the countless well-meaning pleas to continue playing. He chose this course only after convincing himself that England selection was now a remote possibility. Without it, the county circuit seemed humdrum and he knew he would do himself no favours by persevering.

In naming 1985, when he captained England to the Ashes and Leicestershire to the Benson and Hedges Cup, as his favourite year, Gower conceded that recent seasons had been dominated by disappointments. "I felt there should have been more chances to play for England and, judging by the reaction in various quarters, I was not alone," he said. "But there is no bitterness, no rancour."

Graham Gooch, under whose captaincy Gower was conspicuously excluded, said yesterday: "Through the ups and downs of his career and despite our own disagreements over the past few seasons, David has handled himself diplomatically and has always been a great ambassador for the sport."

Gower, briefly England's most prolific Test batsman before that honour passed to Gooch, retires with a fitting tribute from the man who was perhaps his equivalent in an earlier era. Ted Dexter, whose pressure when chairman of the England committee was caused in no small part by the volume of scorn over Gower's omission, yesterday called him "one of the great entertainers, whose talent will be much missed".



Dexter: tribute

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CHRIS BALCOMBE



Gower relaxes on his first day as a former county cricketer yesterday

Scotland opt for aerial confrontation

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

SCOTLAND will field what must surely be their biggest lineout in international rugby when they play New Zealand at Murrayfield next Saturday. Yesterday, the selectors named a team including five forwards of 6ft 5in or more.

One of the two new caps goes to Andy Macdonald, the biggest forward at 6ft 8in; the other goes to Ian Jardine, the crash-tackling centre from Stirling County. Macdonald, 27, and Jardine, 28, played their way into the side with whole-hearted displays for Scotland A against the All Blacks when, even though beaten 20-9, the Scots poured new heart into a country much in need of it after the 79-point dispatch last Wednesday of the South of Scotland.

There are six changes in personnel from the Scotland side beaten by England at the end of last season, and one curious positional switch. Scott Hastings, whose 46 caps have been at centre, moves to the left wing in a bid to offer physical presence up and down the back division, as well as in the forwards. Hastings has played twice for the British Isles in that position but, in view of the mixed fortunes Graham Shiel enjoyed for the South against the All Blacks, Shiel may be fortunate to remain.

It is not as though the younger Hastings will be marking Va'aiga Tuigamala, the likely All Blacks left wing. However, Duncan Paterson, the Scotland team manager, spoke yesterday of "one-off" selections for this international and he will also have wanted as much experience as he could gather.

The main reconstruction is in the back five of the pack, where injuries have removed Andy Reed and Iain Morrison from contention. Macdonald, a Cambridge blue in 1989 and now playing for Heriot's FP, will partner Damian Cronin in the second row; David McIvor, who enjoyed a full international season in 1992, returns at blind-side flanker and Rob Wainwright will play on the open side.

That will be of particular interest to England, who are also contemplating a big open-side flanker. Wainwright is 6ft 5in and quick, comparable to Tim Rodber, of Northampton, who is heavier. The fifth target man in the Scottish lineout is the converted lock, Alan Watt, who wins his third cap at loose-head prop. Watt, 6ft 5in and 19st, might have played a full international season after appearing against Ireland last season, but was laid low by a virus and missed the summer tour to the South Seas too.

Scotland's biggest lineout forward ever was Peter Stagg, the 6ft 10in Sale lock of the 1960s, and last season's pack against Ireland, with Reed at lock and Derek Turnbull in the back row, was as big collectively as any they have fielded. But it underscores where Scotland believe the main battle will be fought out and it is worth noting that England will not confirm their XV to play New Zealand on November 27 until the day after the international against Scotland.

Although he missed Bath's league game on Saturday, Jeremy Guscott trained with England yesterday and Geoff Cooke, the manager, said that injuries did not appear to be a problem. "We have a fair idea of the team we are going to choose," Cooke said.

A G Hastings (Watsonians, captain); A G Stanger (Hawick), I C Jardine (Stirling County), A G Shiel (Melrose), S Hastings (Watsonians); C M Chalmers (Melrose), A D Nicol (Dundee HSFP); A G J West (Glasgow High/Kelvinside), K G Milne (Heriot's FP), A P Burnell (London Scottish), D J McIvor (Edinburgh Academicals), D F Cronin (London Scottish), A Macdonald (Heriot's FP), R I Wainwright (Edinburgh Academicals), G W Weir (Melrose). Replacements: K M Logan (Stirling County), D S Wyllie (Stewart's Melville FP), B W Redpath (Melrose), C D Hogg (Melrose), A V Sharp (Bristol), K D McKenzie (Stirling County).

Intrum Justitia in flying start

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL IN PUNTA DEL ESTE, URUGUAY

LAWRIE Smith and his crew on the yacht, Intrum Justitia, were battling for the lead of the Whitbread Round the World Race yesterday against strong headwinds after the first 24 hours of the second stage from Uruguay to Fremantle yesterday.

Smith's 60-footer led a group that included its Spanish rival, Galicia 93, and Dennis Conner's Winston, skippered on this leg by Brad Butterworth, fighting their way eastwards out into the Atlantic to avoid a high-pressure system that threatens to envelop those heading directly towards the Roaring Forty latitudes.

With winds in excess of 40 knots overnight, the water-ballasted 60-footers like Intrum Justitia are holding their own against the larger maxis, led yesterday morning by Grant Dalton's New Zealand Endeavour, winner of the first leg.

Among those to run the gauntlet southwards around the high-pressure system straddling Argentina, was Chris Dickson's Tokio, followed by the Women's Challenge, now skippered by ex-Maiden watch leader, Dawn Riley, and Odessa, the Ukrainian entry, skippered by Anatoly Verba.

If their gamble pays off, then Tokio is likely to reach the Roaring Forties first and gain a considerable advantage. If it fails however, a day of calms could well cost Dickson the ten-hour lead gained during the first leg.

With the three leading maxis shadowing the top 60-footers yesterday, the easterly route was seen as the safest route by most navigators, and to bear out their judgment, Intrum Justitia and New Zealand Endeavour were ploughing to windward half a knot faster than Tokio yesterday morning.

The start on Saturday could not have been more dramatic as the fleet set off in a tight bunch under spinnakers. Intrum was first to have her spinnaker pulling and shot ahead, leaving Winston trailing in her wake, her crew fighting to replace their chute after the guy rope gave way.

At the leeward mark, set two miles down the coast, Smith and his crew rounded inside Grant Dalton's maxi, followed by La Poste, Tokio and Winston. Moments later, chaos reigned when Eugene Platon misjudged the turn and steered his Ukrainian entry, Hetman Sahaidachny, directly into the buoy, cutting it free.

Matthew Humphries and his Dolphin & Youth team, riding in eleventh place within the 14-strong fleet, managed to scamper round both the boat and buoy, but Uruguay Natural and Women's Challenge had to chase after the drifting mark.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 08:00 GMT yesterday, with miles to Fremantle): Maxi class: 1, NZ Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ), 7,500; 2, Merit Cup (P Fehlmann, Switz), 7,504; 3, La Poste (D Malle, Fr), 7,505 (estimate); 4, Uruguay Natural (G Vanzini, Uru), 7,532.

Whitbread 60 class: 1, Galicia 93 Pascanova (J de la Gandara, Sp), 7,500; 2, Intrum Justitia (L Smith, Eur), 7,501; 3, Winston (B Butterworth, US), 7,502; 4, Hetman Sahaidachny (E Platon, Ukr), 7,503; 5, Yamaha (R Field, NZ), 7,504; 6, Dolphin & Youth Challenge (M Humphries, GB), 7,506; 7, Brookshield (G Maksto, It), 7,517; 8, Tokio (C Dickson, NZ), 7,521; 9, Women's Challenge (D Riley, US), 7,528; 10, Odessa (A Verba, Ukr), 7,542.

Fishing tax curtailed as anglers cheer the one that got away

BY BRIAN CLARKE

THE National Rivers Authority (NRA) will today announce an overhaul of the angling rod licence system in England and Wales. The effect will be to replace the existing single national licence with a two-tier fee and to ensure that, at least in the short term, trout and salmon anglers pay much less than had at one time been feared.

The NRA revealed in July that the single national rod licence, introduced only a year before, was to be reviewed. Officials said they needed to find more money for essential fishery work because government grants were falling and because an attempt to raise extra funds by direct levies on fishery owners had failed.

The NRA proposed to replace the existing licence, which enables anyone to fish for coarse fish, trout and salmon for £13.25p a year, with a three-tier structure. Under it, coarse fishermen would have paid £15, trout fishermen £22.50 and salmon and sea trout fishermen £75.

Today's announcement, which is being made after consultation with the angling community, will say the NRA has instead opted for two classes of licence, both to come into effect on April 1 next year.

Coarse fishermen and trout anglers will pay a joint licence fee of £15 and salmon and sea trout anglers will pay £45. Variations in concessionary and short-term licences, to improve availability and appeal, are also to be announced as part of the package.

All of these licence charges effectively amount to a fishing tax. They do not give permission to fish a water, only the right to use a rod in fresh water. They are paid in addition to any fees demanded by clubs and fishery owners. Coarse fishermen will complain about the modest increase and cough up. Trout fishermen will be pleased because they have fought off a proposal to increase their levy by half. Only the salmon and sea trout anglers are likely to baulk, though even their reaction is likely to be more muted than it might have been.

Indeed, many salmon anglers will argue that the NRA has simply been playing a canny game, proposing a £75 licence to soften them up and so make the £45 result more acceptable. According to David Jordan, the NRA's head of fisheries, the new licence structure will raise around £12 million for fisheries work, but the £45 paid by salmon and sea trout men will not be enough to cover what needs to be done on migratory fish rivers.

The NRA will, he says, be looking to joint ventures with fishery owners and others to ensure that funds for important works are available.

Christopher Poupard, director of the Salmon and Trout Association, said he regretted that greater efforts had not been made to retain a unified licence as it was important for the sport to be seen as one. "However, £45 is a lot better than £75. At £75 the NRA would have killed off much local game angling and would actively have encouraged licence evasion," he said.

Giant-killers await next challenge



Adams: ruled out

HALIFAX Town completed the weekend's surprises in the first round of the FA Cup when they beat West Bromwich Albion, of the Endsleigh Insurance first division, 2-1 yesterday. Halifax, who dropped out of the Football League into the GM Vauxhall Conference last season, join Sutton United, Bromsgrove Rovers and Macclesfield Town as non-League clubs awaiting their reward for beating League opponents in the second-round draw that will be made today.

Runcorn also go into the draw after the abandonment of their tie against Hull City at the Canal Street Stadium on Saturday, when a wall collapsed, injuring three spectators and a policewoman, as Hull supporters celebrated a goal. Runcorn's ground had passed all safety measures demanded by the Taylor Report and the match will be played at Witton Albion's ground tomorrow night.

England will fly to Italy today without Tony Adams and Trevor Steven in the squad to play San Marino in Bologna on Wednesday in their final World Cup qualifying match. Adams is suffering from influenza and Steven from a groin injury. Scotland have given Jim Leighton, 35, a surprise recall for their match in Malta. The Hibernian goalkeeper won the last of a record 58 caps in the 1990 World Cup finals.

England's leading managers yesterday confirmed that they want a mid-winter break and lengthy transfer embargoes as part of reforms to revive the domestic game. The League Managers' Association has also suggested a reduction in the Premiership to 18 clubs, a switch of international matches to weekends and the appointment by the Football Association of a director of football.

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Halifax win, page 25

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SPORT IN BRIEF

White's early lead reduced by novice

JIMMY White, the holder, established a 6-2 lead over David McDonnell in their best-of-17-frame first-round match at the Royal Liver Assurance United Kingdom snooker championship in Preston yesterday. White, whose face was grazed and bruised after he was pulled into a tree when walking his Staffordshire bull terrier last week, compiled breaks of 53, 43 and 103 but he was also forced to clear brown to black for the second frame and to pot pink and black in the fourth.

At 6-0, he looked capable of advancing into the last 32 without the loss of a frame, but McDonnell, of Blackheath, the world No 105, won the seventh 74-1 and cleared the colours to steal the closing frame of the afternoon on the black. White has not been playing well recently and will do well to defend his title.

John Parrott, the 1991 UK champion, who lost 16-9 to White in last year's final, was fortunate to emerge from his first session with Gary Baldrey, the world No 285, from Wellingborough, with a 5-3 lead.

Southgate prosper

HOCKEY: Southgate moved into the fourth round of the Hockey Association Cup yesterday with a comfortable 3-0 win over Canterbury, with goals by Waugh, Welch and Woods. On Saturday, Southgate's 6-0 win over Slough had taken them to the top of the Pizza Express national league on goal difference from Hounslow, who beat Stourport only 2-1. Havant and Hounslow had little trouble reaching the next round of the Cup, Giles scoring three times in Havant's 7-0 win over Hereford and Hounslow beating Neston 2-0, with goals by Crutchley and Knapp. Teddington had a more difficult task with a 4-3 victory over Guildford, Colclough and Billson each scoring twice.

Hammond rides clear

CYCLING: Roger Hammond, who last year won the world junior cyclo-cross championship, yesterday took the overall lead in the second of the four-race National Trophy series at Wolverhampton after he had time-trialed to victory almost from the start of the 13½ laps. It was a decisive win for a slimmer Hammond, who shed 16lb in four weeks to improve his fitness and stamina. Hammond, who will be 20 in January, finished 2min 02sec clear of the British amateur champion, Peter Stevenson, making a cheap weekend return trip from his Belgian home, and the professional holder, Steve Douce.

Safe pair of hands

CRICKET: Jonty Rhodes, of South Africa, held five catches, a record for an outfielder in one-day internationals, in the 41-run win over West Indies yesterday in the five-nation tournament in Bombay. Daryll Cullinan hit an unbeaten 70 as South Africa scored 180 for five in their allocation of 40 overs. He was forced to retire with heat exhaustion with eight overs remaining but by then had ensured a useful total. Organisers of the tournament are threatening to postpone the remaining matches because of a dispute with the Indian government that has resulted in a blackout of television coverage. Scoreboard, page 20

Racers face the Devils

ICE HOCKEY: Cardiff Devils and Murrayfield Racers will contest the Benson and Hedges Cup final in Sheffield next month, having qualified at the expense of Nottingham Panthers and Durham Wasps respectively. Inheriting an eight-goal deficit from the first leg, the Wasps needed to start well against the Racers in the second leg on Saturday, but in spite of prolonged pressure they found Moray Hanson in superlative form in the Murrayfield goal. The game ended 6-6 and the Racers went through 17-9 on aggregate. The Panthers' one-goal advantage did not seem sufficient for the second leg, and Cardiff won 7-4 to advance 11-9.

Four days of toil ends for many with cruellest cut

IAN STEWART



Nelson, who leads by one stroke after four rounds, putts on the 18th green yesterday

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE IN MONTPELLIER

WATCHING the scoreboard was the only way that Matthew Stanford could find of passing the time while his golfing future hung in the balance yesterday. "I can't concentrate on anything at the moment," he said. "All I can do is stay around and keep my fingers crossed."

And hope, with a malevolence forgivable in the circumstances, that a few of his colleagues, good friends, would not do themselves justice over the closing holes. No hard feelings, of course. Even the gentlest of souls could impersonate Rasputin after four days at the European Tour qualifying school.

Throughout one of the cruellest afternoons in the golfing calendar, players, caddies and families gathered in little huddles to enjoy success and share failure. Success was the pleasure of enduring another two days of stretched nerves; failure, a ticket back to the practice ground. Stanford's prayers were not answered.

As dusk settled over the twin courses in Montpellier amid tales of hardship and derring-do, 91 players survived to play the final two rounds at the Massane course. Stanford, who turned professional after the Walker Cup two months ago, missed the cut by one stroke and could only reflect on a putt missed from 12 inches the previous day — "the ball had a little dent in it and jumped" — and an errant second into the water at the 15th.

"What's frustrating is that I missed by so little and that, at the end, I was playing well enough to make it," Stanford said. "In some ways, it would be better to miss it by a mile."

"I'll just have to go back and work harder for next year," Mark Dove added, surveying the wreckage of his final round. Needing to break par to stand any chance of survival, Dove had clawed his way back to four over only to drop four shots over the last four holes. He is sponsored by Group 4. Another one that got away.

His thoughts, though, had already strayed back to the previous evening when he had learned a bitter lesson in the art of course management in taking seven at the final hole.

"I went into the bunker and should have let a shot go," he said. "Instead, I tried to make par and pressed too hard. Just inexperience, I suppose. I only hit two bad shots all round today, but they came at the wrong time."

Experience proved to be the key to salvation. Martin Poxon, Robert Lee and Glenn Ralph, all regulars on the Volvo Tour, kept well out of trouble. Barring catastrophe, they should win their cards back come tomorrow night.

Robin Mann, a professional for 21 years, walked closer to the edge, bogeys at the 11th and 13th undoing much of the solid work he had put in over the previous three rounds. But he was not ready to consign his career to oblivion and birdied three of the last five holes to finish one over par.

"I stood on the 14th and asked myself if I really wanted this badly enough. I discovered that I did," Mann said. "Right now, I feel great, but there is still a lot of work to be done."

Complacency and loss of concentration are the two dangers for Brian Nelson, who qualified by the lights of car headlamps on the final green three years ago, and Steve Bottomley, the top two on the leader board after four rounds. In his seventh year as a professional, Bottomley has played with admirable composure so far, but is under no illusions that qualifying for the Tour, as he should do comfortably over the next two days, will solve his problems.

"The full Tour is a licence to spend £30,000; I know that," he said. "It gets difficult when you get your card, but I'm gradually learning more about my swing and my mind. I should be better prepared if I get there. But it's not over yet."

Bottomley's fellow camper, Mark Litton, has suffered every emotion over the past week. He began with a 65, followed up with an 80 and, yesterday, missed the cut by one stroke. He now has to stay on to wait for his lift home in Bottomley's camper van. For everyone, it will a long two days.

LEADING SCORES AFTER FOUR ROUNDS: 275: B Nelson (US), 67, 70, 69, 69. 278: S Bottomley (Eng), 69, 68, 71, 68. 279: L Westwood (Eng), 67, 69, 73, 70; R Alvarez (Arg), 66, 71, 72, 70; M Besanceney (Fr), 69, 70, 73, 67. 280: J Hall (Eng), 66, 73, 66, 71; C-M Stromberg (Swe), 66, 73, 73, 68. 281: P Linhart (US), 68, 72, 73, 68; S Hamill (N Ire), 69, 71, 68, 73; M Scarpa (It), 67, 70, 70, 74. 282: C Suneson (Eng), 70, 70, 70, 72; M Poxon (Eng), 68, 71, 73, 70; M Wills (Wales), 70, 67, 76, 69; A Collison (Eng), 64, 73, 74, 71; M Nichols (Eng), 71, 70, 71, 70; C Williams (Eng), 70, 73, 70, 69; R Berhorst (Ger), 72, 71, 71, 68.

Norman stages rousing finish

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN TOKYO

GREG Norman, the Open champion, had an eagle three at the last hole to win the Sumitomo Visa Masters at the Taiheiyo club, near Gotemba, south of Tokyo, at his first attempt yesterday.

The Australian, sporting a black straw boater in place of the baseball caps he had used to repel the rain earlier in the week, nonchalantly rolled home a 24-foot putt, to polite but somewhat muted applause, for it served to relegate Yoshinori Mizumaki, the home hope, who had been one ahead playing the 18th, to second place.

Norman's putt completed a round of 68, four under par, which gave him a total total of 272, 16 under, and a first prize of Yen 27,000,000 (around £172,000). Barry Lane, a member of the last European Ryder Cup team, shared third place with David Frost, a lugubrious South African, and Jumbo Ozaki, a far from inscrutable Japanese.

Battle was really joined at the 11th, a par five of 537 yards, where Ozaki, out in 38, two over par, holed an eagle putt. Norman, however, followed him in and after a birdie three at the next was ahead for the first time.

In these circumstances, trouble is usually just around the corner for Norman. Sure enough, at the 15th, a benign enough par four of 378 yards, he took a double bogey six. He hit a two-iron to the right off the tee and missed the green with a wedge.

He also struck a dreadful tee shot at the 17th but he hit a scoreboard, got a free drop and saved his par three. Norman needed only a three-iron for his second to the 517-yard 18th and his putt made his day. Mizumaki's ten-footer to tie was never struck firmly enough and Norman had another title to his name.

Lane, who matched Norman's 68 but three-putted twice in the last three holes, felt it could easily have been his name on the trophy but and had to settle for 7,800,000 yen.

FINAL LEADING SCORES (Japanese unless stated): 272: G Norman (Aus), 70, 67, 67, 68. 273: Y Mizumaki, 67, 68, 68, 70. 274: B Lane (GB), 68, 70, 68, 68; D Frost (SA), 68, 71, 70, 65; M Ozaki, 66, 69, 67, 72. 276: T Nakajima, 70, 68, 69, 69. 278: I Baker-Finch (Aus), 71, 66, 70, 71; J Sluman (US), 71, 69, 66, 72; I Aoki, 71, 70, 66, 72. 279: C Parry (Aus), 71, 70, 70, 68. 280: B Franklin (Can), 70, 70, 71, 69. 281: T Hamilton (US), 70, 70, 72, 69; H Hamano, 74, 69, 66, 72. Other scores: 285: L Mize (US), 72, 70, 72, 71. 286: A Lyle (GB), 73, 72, 73, 68.

Scots fade as victory beckons US pair

COLIN Montgomerie and Sam Torrance, the Scotland team, were losing ground on their main challengers as the final stages of the World Cup were played out at the Lake Nona Golf Club in Orlando, Florida, yesterday.

Montgomerie, who finished top of the European order of merit last Sunday, had a level par 36 for the first nine holes of the fourth round and Torrance was one over to leave the Scots nine under for the tournament.

It also put them eight shots behind the leaders, the United States, who were 17 under after eight holes, while Zimbabwe, 13 under after eight, Australia, 12 under after nine, and New Zealand, ten under after nine, were also ahead of the Scots.

Montgomerie and Torrance could hardly have had a worse start as Torrance had a bogey five at the first and both men bogeyed the third to send them back to seven under.

But Torrance had his first birdie of the day at the fifth and Montgomerie had a two at the short sixth to improve their position.

Fred Couples and Davis Love III, who won the event for the United States in Spain last year, were looking set for a second successive victory, with Couples in superb form. The long-hitting American chipped in for a birdie at the opening hole and also had birdies at the seventh and eighth while Love, with one bogey and one birdie on his card for the first eight holes gave him steady support.

The Americans had begun the day three shots clear of Zimbabwe and four ahead of Scotland, Australia and New Zealand and were clearly under no pressure. Price was two under par for his first eight holes for Zimbabwe but partner Mark McNulty was only level par.

Australia threatened Zimbabwe for second place when Robert Allenby went to the turn in a two under 34 and Rodger Davis had a par 36.

Ireland were five under after 11 holes. Both Ronan Rafferty and Paul McGinley turned in 35 and both bogeyed the tenth and birdied the 11th holes. England were only level par after 12 holes, with Wales six over after 17 — Ian Woosnam heading for a sub-70 round.

□ The 1994 World Cup of Golf will be played next November at the Dorado Beach Golf Club in Puerto Rico.

SPORTS RECORD

ATHLETICS

BIRMINGHAM: Senior women's national 3 x 4,350m road relay championship: 1, Tipton, 43min 18sec; 2, Bedford and County, 43:34; 3, Parkside (Harrow), 43:53; 4, Birchfield, 44.34; 5, Shaftesbury Barnet, 44:51. Fastest individual lap: P Radcliffe (Bedford and County), 13:25.

BADMINTON

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Yorkshire 9 Worcestershire 6, Lancashire 12 Lothian 3; Lancashire 8 Worcestershire 7; Yorkshire 14 Scottish Midlands 1; Sussex 12 Essex 3; Hampshire 6 Surrey 9. Second division: Cheshire 5 Warwickshire 10; Cheshire 8 Yorkshire 7; Warwickshire 13 Lancashire 2; Devon 12 Kent 3; Buckinghamshire 10 Devon 5; Wiltshire 9 Kent 6.

BOBSLEIGHING

WINTERBERG, Germany: World Cup two-man: 1, Switzerland I (G Weder, D Acklin), 1min 51.81sec; 2, Canada I (P Lueders, D MacEachern), 1:52.28; 3, Germany I (C Langen, G Eger), 1:52.44; 9, Britain I (M Tout, J Wing), 1:53.02. Overall: 1, Weder, 72pts; 2, Langen, 64; 3 H Schösser (Austria), 58; 6, Tout, 44.

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Sunderland 71, Doncaster 99; Derby 87, London Towers 97, Oldham 71, Worthing 98

NATIONAL CUP: First round: Nottingham 72 Solent 78.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Bury 94 Plymouth 102; Coventry 108 Stockton 81. Second division: Chiltern 87 Swindon 71; Guildford 109 Lewsham 77, Leicester 53 Liverpool 59, London Elephants 63 Stevenage 84; Mid Sussex 74 Northampton 75

LEAGUE TROPHY: Thames Valley 95, Guildford 88

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Second division: Sunderland 34, Leicester 40

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Friday: Charlotte 110 Boston 107; Miami 115 Orlando 100; Washington 105 Philadelphia 93; New York 103 Indiana 84, Dallas 115 Minnesota 99; Utah 109 Detroit 89; Cleveland 102 Golden State 93; Denver 113 Los Angeles Lakers 84; Portland 94 Atlanta 84; Sacramento 93 San Antonio 91. Saturday: Philadelphia 98 New Jersey 97; New York 99 Milwaukee 86; Boston 98 Chicago 97; Utah 101 Dallas 100, Houston 99 Phoenix 95; Golden State 108 Denver 98; Seattle 97 Atlanta 89; Los Angeles Clippers 92 San Antonio 90.

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BOWLS

KOWLOON: Hong Kong Classic pairs: Quarter-finals: Hong Kong (N Kennedy, M McMahon) 20, Scotland (G Robertson, A Marshall) 19, South Africa (A van Winkle, K Campbell) 20, New Zealand (M Kernaghan, P Skoglund) 18; Wales (R Weale, W Thomas) 20, Hong Kong LBA (M Stewart, D Ho) 16; Israel (C Bransky, J Rabkin) 19, Australia (I Taylor, C Curtis) 14. Semi-finals: Israel 26, Wales 8; South Africa 20, Hong Kong 13. Final: Israel 18, South Africa 16.

NATIONAL INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Third round: Hebburn 55, Stanley 89; Cumbria 78, Sunderland 67, Darlington 103, Hartlepool 54; Swinton 69, Blackpool Borough 95; Huddersfield 104, Scarborough 66; Richardsons 59, York 89; Nottingham 73, Boston 76, Spalding 90, Newark 76; Grantham 66, South Forest 83; Embridge 68, Wey Valley 111; Century 58, Paddington 95; Cambridge Park 93, Camberley 71; Loddon Vale 87, Hounslow 93, Tilbury 81, Sutton 69; Crystal Palace 55, Cyphers 91; Deangate Ridge 56, Egham 108, Lewsham 73, Prince Arthur 109, Preston 75, Mote Park 82, Angel 78, Margate 82, Sevenoaks 77, Folkestone 73, Falaise 68, Eastbourne 74, Adur 80, Longmeadow 66; Atherley 82, Victory 72; East Dorset 83, Worthing 64, Dolphin 69, Isle of Wight 90, Watford 74, Slade 77, Whiteknights 99, West Berks 50; Desborough 89, Stevenage 55; Clevedon 66, Christie Miller 77; Bentham 88, Clarrie Dunbar 66; Perdiswell 86, Colswold 65; Dorchester 72, Ilminster 75; Victoria (Weston-super-Mare) 86, Minehead 77; Bodmin 71, Torbay 73; Plymouth 78, Teignbridge 93; Cambridge Chesterton 70, Wisbech 82, Lakenheath 88, St Neots 63, Mid Suffolk 75, City of Ely 76, Peterborough 94, March 80; Birmingham 71, Rugby 80; Desborough (Northants) 73, Coventry 106; Leicester 81, Rushden 78, Erdington Court 89, Barwell 77; North Walsham 78, Sole Bay 75, Roundwood 96, Acle 68; Norfolk & Norwich 71, Wymondham Dell 83; Essex County 81, Bishop's Stortford 72; Towerlands 88, Havering 66, Colchester 50, Ipswich 94.

CYCLING

CYCLO-CROSS: National Trophy, second round (Wolverhampton, 14 miles): 1, R Hammond (VC Bad), 1hr 7min; 2, P Stevenson (Mickleridge CRT), at 2:02; 3, S Douce (PCA), same time. Overall: 1, Hammond 76 pts; 2, Douce 73; 3, Stevenson 69. Severn RC (Bristol, 15 miles): 1, I Marchant (Team Big Foot), 48.30; 2, I Payne (Mendip CC), at 45sec; 3, J Richardson (Bristol MBC), at 1:25. Cycle-Club Abergavenny (10 miles): 1, M James (CC Abergavenny), 50:58; 2, R Wooles (Extreme CC), at 2:10; 3, M Hughes-Dowdle (Swansea CC) at 3:27. New Forest CC (Ringwood, 12 miles): 1, P Brawn (Fareham Wheelers), 58:22; 2, S Willats (unattached), at 47sec; 3, T Joyce (Wessex RC), at 1:13. Wolsey RC (Tunstall Forest, Suffolk, 9 miles): 1, M Farrow (Ramrad Club, Norwich), 53:00; 2, I Burch (CC Romford), at 30sec; 3, P McWaters (unattached), at 2:00. Old Portlians CC (Shirley Hills, Croydon, 12 miles): 1, R Eden (Covent Garden Cycles), 1.04:00; 2, A Ford (Addiscombe CC), at 1:00; 3, M Bell (London Fire Brigade CC), at 2:00. Boston Wheelers (10 miles): 1, N Taylor (Hykeham ATB), 51:30; 2, D Chamberlain (Spalding CC), at 1.00; 3, A Moore (VC Lincoln), at 1:30. Horwich CC (Bolton, 10 miles): 1, K Taylor (Horwich CC), 1:02:18; 2, C Bryan (Deeside Olympic), at 46sec; 3, P Wheddon (ABC Centreville), at 54sec. Derwent Valley ATC (Belper, Derbys, 9 miles): 1, D Barnett (Ace RT), 47:52; 2, L Mosley (Askern CC), at 23sec; 3, M Seddon (Ace RT), at 31sec. Stockton Wheelers (Redcar, 9 miles): 1, A Moorhouse (Bradford Olympic RC), 1:10:00; 2, G Turnbull (Tyneside Triathlon Club), at 4:00; 3, R Colledge (Houghton CC), at 4:10. Selby CC (Brayton Barff, 18 miles): 1, D Boresford (Norton Wheelers), 1:02:40; 2, J Gill (Selby CC), at 45sec; 3, A Barker (Stif-Camel Back), at 3:05. Liverpool Century RC (Otterspool Park, 9 miles): 1, P Whalmough (Zodiac CRC), 52:23; 2, I Cuthbertson (Kirkby CC), at 1:20; 3, C Armstrong (Team Rapide), at 5:42. Lomond RCC (Auchentoshan Estate, Clydebank, 15 miles): 1, G Grant (Cairgorm CC), 1:08:55; 2, A Quinn (Glasgow United CC), at 10sec; 3, S Alderson (Penicuik RT) at 3:55.

BORDEAUX: Six-day race (after five days): 1, G Duclos-Lassalle (Fr) and P Bincoletto (It), 325pts; 2, one lap behind, U Freuler (Switz) and P Pieters (Holl), 335; 3, A Baffi (It) and G Lombardi (It), 288.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Hobart: Western Australia 473-5 dec (J Langer 135, D Martyn 100, T Moody 65, M Veletta 65) and 56-2; Tasmania 514 (M DiVenuto 125, R Ponting 105, S Young 63). Match drawn.

BOMBAY (Five nations tournament): South Africa beat West Indies by 41 runs

SOUTH AFRICA

A C Hudson c Simmons b K C G Benjamin	5
K C Wessels c Lara b Ambrose	3
W J Cronje lbw b Hooper	12
D J Cullinan retired hurt	70
J N Rhodes b W K M Benjamin	40
B M McMillan b W K M Benjamin	24
†D J Richardson not out	17
P L Symcox not out	3
Extras (lb 2, w 3, nb 1)	6
Total (5 wkts, 40 overs)	180

P S de Villiers, A A Donald and R P Snell did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-11, 3-52, 4-117, 5-176

BOWLING: Ambrose 8-1-23-1; K C G Benjamin 8-0-41-1, W K M Benjamin 8-0-40-2; Cummins 8-1-43-0; Hooper 8-0-31-1.

WEST INDIES

B C Lara c Rhodes b Snell	7
D L Haynes c Rhodes b Snell	28
P V Simmons c Rhodes b Symcox	29
K L T Arthurton st Richardson b Symcox	16
C L Hooper lbw b Cronje	17
*R B Richardson c and b Cronje	1
†J C Adams c Rhodes b Symcox	4
A C Cummins c Rhodes b Donald	17
W K M Benjamin c Cronje b McMillan	0
C E L Ambrose c Snell b McMillan	0
K C G Benjamin not out	7
Extras (b 4, lb 7, w 2)	13
Total	139

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-50, 3-73, 4-78, 5-87, 6-95, 7-120, 8-124, 9-131.

BOWLING: Donald 5-0-15-1; De Villiers 5-2-5-0; Cronje 8-1-33-2; Snell 6-0-30-2; McMillan 5-0-25-2; Symcox 8-1-20-3.

Man of the match: J N Rhodes

EQUESTRIANISM

TORONTO: Nations cup: 1, United States, 12 faults (0 in jump-off); 2, Switzerland, 12 (69 in jump-off); 3, Britain (J Popely, W Clarke, M Lanni, N Skelton), 24; 4, Canada, 32. Final positions: 1, Germany, 36pts, 2, Switzerland, 35; 3, Britain, 30.

AARHUS, Denmark: Volvo World Cup qualifier: 1, Apricot (H Simon, Austria), clear, 32.23sec; 2, Boilvorm's Libero (J Lansink, Holl), clear, 33.61; 3, Pirol IV (L McNaught-Mandli, Switz), clear, 33.89. British placing: 36, Rhapsody (G Billington), 16.5 faults (first round).

FENCING

CARDIFF: Welsh Open: Sabre: 1, K Zavieh (Salle Frolich); 2, N Fletcher (Salle Frolich); equal 3, V Khaknah (Salle Frolich), S Saba (Salle Frolich). Men's foil: 1, W Gosnee (Boston); 2, D McKenzie (Meadowbank), equal 3, H Lancaster (Sussex House), M Bengry (Sussex House). Women's foil: 1, L Strachan (Salle Paul); 2, F McIntosh (Salle Paul); equal 3, L Harris (Salle Paul), A King (Boston).

FOOTBALL

Late results on Friday

FA CUP: First round: Leek 2, Wigan 2.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Brighton 0, Bristol Rovers 0; Norwich 0, Chelsea 2.

GOLF

ORLANDO, Florida: World Cup: Third round: 418: United States (F Couples, 68, 71, 70, D Love, 71, 69, 71). 421: Zimbabwe (N Price, 70, 69, 71, M McNulty, 71, 68, 72). 422: New Zealand (F Nobilo, 74, 69, 69, G Turner, 73, 73, 64), Scotland (C Montgomerie, 75, 70, 69, S Torrance, 68, 69, 71), Australia (R Allenby, 72, 68, 70, R Davis, 70, 70, 72). 425: Spain (J Rivero, 73, 72, 66, M-A Jimenez, 72, 70, 72). 426: Germany (B Langer, 69, 68, 66, S Struver, 74, 75, 74), South Africa (E Els, 69, 71, 72, R Goosen, 71, 74, 69). 428: Italy (C Rocca, 71, 75, 67, S Grappasonni, 74, 72, 69). 429: Ireland (R Rafferty, 71, 69, 73, P McGinley, 72, 71, 73). 431: Paraguay (P Martinez, 74, 73, 69, F Franco, 73, 73, 69), France (J Van de Velde, 66, 70, 71, M Farry, 74, 78, 72), Canada (D Barr, 74, 70, 70, R Zokol, 76, 71, 70). 432: England (D Gilford, 69, 73, 72, M James, 76, 74, 68). 435: Sweden (J Haeggman, 72, 77, 72, A Forsbrand, 71, 69, 74). 436: Brazil (A Barcellos, 76, 70, 70, J Corteiz, 75, 70, 75). 440: Wales (I Woosnam, 74, 79, 74, M Mouland, 68, 70, 75). 442: Japan (H Shigenobu, 70, 77, 76, K Tomori, 74, 73, 72). 443: Argentine (E Romero, 71, 70, 72, L Carbonetti, 73, 80, 77) 444: Hong Kong (Yau Sui Ming, 73, 74, 76, R Kan, 74, 72, 75) 447: Holland (C van Waesberghe, 78, 75, 75, C van der Velde, 74, 72, 73), Mexico (E Serna, 78, 75, 72, R Cazaubon, 68, 79, 75). 453: Greece (V Karatzias, 74, 75, 79, G Nikitaides, 77, 75, 73). 457: Bermuda (K Swan, 76, 76, 72, D Pearman, 78, 79, 76). 461: Chinese Taipei (Liang-Hsi Chen, 80, 78, 79, Yu-Shu Hsieh, 76, 72, 76) 470: Puerto Rico (R Castrillo, 78, 77, 78, J Rodriguez, 85, 77, 77). 483: Fiji (D Prakash, 80, 79, 74, V Kaiou, 89, 79, 82). 489: Jamaica (S Rose, 88, 75, 72, C Bernard, 86, 79, 89). 511: Israel (J Avnaim, 94, 85, 88, R Assyag, 80, 82, 82)

MEXICO CITY: Mexican open championship: Third round (all US): 198: F Funk, 70, 63, 65 199: D Hammond, 66, 66, 67. 201: B Lohr, 67, 67, 67 202: J Blake, 66, 70, 65. 205: J Cook, 71, 68, 66; D Tewell, 71, 65, 69. 206: T Armour, 73, 69, 64 C Stadler, 74, 65, 67. 207: E Fiori, 68, 70, 69. 208: A Bean, 75, 71, 62 T Lehman, 70, 72, 66.

RABAT: King Hassan II tournaments: Final scores: Men: 277: P Stewart (US), 69, 70, 71, 67. 285: W Westner (SA), 68, 72, 74, 71; B Claar (US), 71, 73, 71, 70; D Pruitt (US), 70, 72, 71, 72. 287: B May (US), 71, 71, 70, 75, B Eastwood (US), 71, 70, 72, 74. 288: S Luna (Sp), 71, 72, 73, 72. 290: V Fernandez (Arg), 73, 71, 70, 76; M Piñero (Sp), 71, 73, 74, 72. 292: C Mason (GB), 75, 69, 72, 76. 293: L Trevino (US), 71, 74, 74, 74 Women: 209: M L de Lorenzi (Fr), 73, 66, 70. 211: H Wadsworth (GB), 71, 68, 72. 212: S Gronberg Whitmore (Swe), 68, 71, 73. 215: C Nilsmark (Swe), 74, 73, 68. 219: S Croce (It), 73, 75, 71; S Mendiburu (Fr), 75, 73, 71.

HOCKEY

Men

HOCKEY ASSOCIATION CUP: Third round: Beeston 5, West Wilts 0; Bloxwich 2, Hightown-Northern 1; Bournville 0, Blueharts 1 (abandoned at half-time; to be replayed); Brignorth 1, Warrington 4; Bromley 2, Maidenhead 0; Brooklands 1, Stourport 4; Camberley 1, Barford Tigers 7; Cheltenham 1, Old Kingstonians 2; Chichester 1, Welton 4; Doncaster 0, Old Loughtonians 5, East Grinstead 3, Slough 0; Edgbaston 2, Gloucester City 1; Firebrands 1, Dereham 0; Hampstead and Westminster 3, St Albans 4; Harrogate 2, Harborne 0; Havant 7, Hereford 0; Indian Gymkhana 0, Cannock 4; Ipswich 0, Reading 3; Neston 0, Hounslow 2; Norwich City 1, Coventry and North Warwickshire 2; Oxford University 1, Formby 2; Purley 3, Oxford Hawks 2 (aet), Richings Park 0, City of Portsmouth 1; Richmond 0, Crostyx 3; Sheffield 3, Isca 5; Southgate 3, Canterbury 0; Teddington 4, Guildford 3; Timperley 0, Trojans 1; West Bridgford 1, Notts Gregory 2 (aet), West Gloucestershire 1, Surbiton 3; York wo Gore Court. Postponed: Harleston Magpies v Cambridge City

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Bournville 4 St Albans 3; Bromley 0 Old Loughtonians 3; Cannock 3 Welton 3; Havant 1 East Grinstead 1; Hounslow 2 Stourport 1; Reading 2 Trojans 1; Southgate 6 Slough 0; Teddington 2 Indian Gymkhana 2. Postponed: Firebrands v Canterbury. Second division: Barford Tigers 6 Doncaster 2; Beeston 1 Gloucester City 0; Brooklands 1 Harborne 1; Cambridge City 2 Oxford University 4; Cheltenham 1 Richmond 0; Neston 1 Isca 1; Sheffield 2 Guildford 4; Surbiton 8 Edgbaston 2; Warrington 2 Harleston Magpies 1.

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Blueharts 4, Welwyn Garden City 2; Bury St Edmunds 2, Stevenage 3; Colchester 1, Cambridge University 4; Ipswich 3, Chelmsford 1; Luton Town 2, Bishop's Stortford 2; Norwich City 1, Pelicans 1; Peterborough 2, Bedford 0; Redbridge 3, Westcliff 1.

ERNST AND YOUNG MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Belper 1 Finchfield 0; Bloxwich 2 Coventry and North Warwickshire 1; Hampton 0 Leicester Westleigh 2; Khalsa 1 Olton and West Warwickshire 1; Lichfield 6 Worcester Norton 1.

ERNST AND YOUNG NORTH PREMIER LEAGUE: Alderley Edge 1 Durham University 1; Hornby 3 Norton 0; Hightown 1 Blackburn 1; Southport 2 Ben Rhydding 1; York 2 Timperley 2.

NASTRO AZZURRO SOUTH LEAGUE: Chichester 3 Old Kingstonians 1; City of Portsmouth 3 Winchester 1; Hampstead and Westminster 4 Spencer 0; Hendon 0 Maidenhead 2; High Wycombe 1 Gore Court 0; Lyons 0 Oxford Hawks 1; Mid-Sussex 0 Staines 1; Old Walcountians 0 Dulwich 0; Tulse Hill 0 Anchorians 5; Wimbledon 1 Fareham 2.

SUN LIFE WEST LEAGUE: Brean 1 Plymouth 2; Hereford 1 Whitchurch 1; Swansea 2 Bath Buccaneers 1; Westbury Banks 0 Taunton Vale 1; Weston-super-Mare 4 Exeter University 0.

Women

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Balsam Leicester 3, Chelmsford 0; Ealing 2, Slough 1; FP Sutton Coldfield 0, Clifton 0; Ipswich 1, Hightown 1. First division: Doncaster 2, Exeter 2; Pickwick 0, Blueharts 1; Trojans 2, Bradford 1; Wimbledon 1, Bracknell 1. Second division: Harleston Magpies 5, Colwall 1; Olton and West Warwickshire 0, Sunderland Bedans 1; Woking 2, Great Harwood 3. Postponed: Sherwood v Canterbury.

EAST SUPER LEAGUE: Bexleyheath 0 Hemel Hempstead 0; Cambridge City 0 Redbridge 1; Saracens 3 Sevenoaks 0: Welwyn Garden City 0 St Albans 4.

NORTH LEAGUE: Carlisle 1 Springfields 1; Chester 0 Poynton 1; Newcastle 2 Warmsleirk Ford 1; York 1 Liverpool 1.

HIROSHIMA, Japan: Asia Cup: Men: Semi-finals: South Korea 4, Pakistan 0; India 3, Malaysia 2. Final: South Korea 1, India 0. Women: Final: South Korea 3, China 0.

ICE HOCKEY

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Cardiff 7 Nottingham 4 (agg: 11-9); Durham 6 Murrayfield 6 (agg: 9-17).

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke 7 Peterborough 9; Billingham 5 Bracknell 3; Fife 14 Whitley 1; Sheffield 4 Humberside 4. First division: Milton Keynes 10 Solihull 3; Paisley 9 Swindon 6; Romford 9 Dumfries 7; Slough 13 Lee Valley 7.

AUTUMN CUP: Trafford 8, Blackburn 6

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: France 2, United States 7 (in Albertville)

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Saturday: Buffalo 7 Philadelphia 2; San Jose 4 New Jersey 2; Boston 5 New York Islanders 2; Hartford 4 Edmonton 4 (OT); Detroit 7 Pittsburgh 3; Tampa Bay 4 Quebec 3; New York Rangers 2 Washington 0; Calgary 4 Vancouver 3; Los Angeles 6 St Louis 3; Ottawa 3 Montreal 2 (OT); Chicago 3 Toronto 2; Dallas 3 Winnipeg 2.

MOTOR RACING

SUZUKA, Japan: All Japan F-3000 series: 1, T Danielsson (Swe), Lola T92-50, 35 laps, 1hr 4min 40.839sec; 2, R Cheever (US), Reynard 93D, 1:04:43.972; 3, A Scott (GB), Lola T92-50, 1:04:44.703; 4, E Irvine (GB), Lola T92-50, 1:04:53.268. Final placings: 1, K Hoshino (Japan), 32pts (won on more first-place finishes); 2, Irvine, 32; 3, Cheever, 31.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Regal Trophy
Second round

Barrow 8 Bradford 28
Barrow: Tries: McMurtry, Robinson. Bradford: Tries: Clark, Darkes, Kebbie, Shelford, Watson. Goals: Summers 4. Att: 2,668.

Batley 8 Sheffield 6
Batley: Tries: Thorlinson 2. Sheffield: Try: Mann. Goal: Aston. Att: 1,278.

Carlisle 28 Wakefield 12
Carlisle: Tries: Charlton, Coffey, Knox, Pape. Goals: Richardson 6. Wakefield: Tries: Child, Mason. Goals: B Conway 2. Att: 870.

Halifax 19 Keighley 10
Halifax: Tries: Bentley 2, Hellas. Goals: Bishop 3. Dropped goal: Bishop. Keighley: Tries: Austin, Ramshaw. Goal: Wasyliw. Att: 7,347.

Highfield 8 Oldham 26
Highfield: Tries: Denning, Rippon. Oldham: Tries: Abram 2, Heslop, Kuiti, Streit. Goals: Topping 3. Att: 853.

Leigh 20 Huddersfield 12
Leigh: Tries: Baldwin, Booth, Pratt, Rowley. Goals: Clarke 2. Huddersfield: Tries: Davis 2, Thomas. Att: 3,450.

London Crus 26 Featherstone 12
London Crusaders: Tries: Ekoku, Johnson, Ramsey, Roskell, Rosolen. Goals: Gallagher 3. Featherstone: Tries: Calland, Mahaney. Goals: Mahaney 2. Att: 1,336.

Rochdale 10 Bramley 11
Rochdale: Tries: O'Keefe, Ratu. Goals: Turner. Bramley: Tries: Marson 2. Goal: Parks. Dropped goal: Blankley. Att: 751

Ryedale York 12 Workington 11
Ryedale York: Try: Sharp. Goals: Sullivan 3. Dropped goals: Close 2. Workington: Tries: McLean, Mulligan. Goal: Kitchin. Dropped goal: Kitchin. Att: 1,456.

Swinton 14 Hull 36
Swinton: Tries: Errington 2, Ashcroft. Goal: Errington. Hull: Tries: Boyle, Gay, Hesler, Jones, Sterling, Street, Walker. Goals: Eastwood 4. Att: 817.

Warrington 58 Hunslet 18
Warrington: Tries: Harris 3, Penny 3, Myler 2, Davies, Mackey, Shelford. Goals: Davies 8, Harris. Hunslet: Tries: Clarke, Precious, R Sampson. Goals: Vasey 2. Att: 3,037.

Whitehaven 8 Wigan 22
Whitehaven: Try: Seeds. Goals: S Maguire 2. Wigan: Tries: Cowie, Haughton, Panapa, Williams. Goals: Botica 3. Att: 5,000.

Widnes 24 Doncaster 4
Widnes: Tries: Goulding, Hadley, Hammond, Spruce. Goals: Goulding 4. Doncaster: Try: D Evans. Att: 3,074.

Postponed: Hull Kingston Rovers v Castleford.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Saturday: Askam 0, Wigan St Patricks 36; Dudley Hill 13, Blackpool 1; Egremont 38, West Hull 22; Hemel Hempstead 14, Saddleworth 10. Yesterday: Chorley 54, Nottingham City 10.

TOUR MATCH: French selection 4, New Zealand XIII 45 (in Carpentras).

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Scottish Districts XV 24, Auckland 19.

NETBALL

NATIONAL CLUBS LEAGUE: First division: Aquila 37, Toucans 34; Tongham 40, Linden 57; Harborne 49, Hertford Hornets 45; New Cambell 40, BICC 36. Second division: Hirondelles 75, OPA 32; Crawley Sports 46, Henley 39; YWCA 39, Academy 42; Hornsey 46, Vauxhall Gold 61. Third division: Wirral 60, Wokingham 38; Essex Wanderers 48, Hucclecote 42; Chevrons 42, Weston Park 48; Kelmscott 55, Oakway 35.

REAL TENNIS

WOMEN'S NATIONAL HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP: First division (under-40: at Holyport). Quarter-finals: P Lumley bt S Herbert, 6-5; M Allen bt R Lake, 6-2; P Denby bt M Pignon, 6-5; P Wilson bt S McGivern, 6-1. Semi-finals: Lumley bt Allen, 6-5. Second division (over-40: at Oratory School): Quarter-finals: L Elcox bt Jim Ayres, 6-4; H Day bt J Buggy, 6-5; L Air bt S Fairbairn, 6-0; D Ingham bt S Heap, 6-1. Semi-finals: Day bt Elcox, 6-5; Air bt Ingham, 6-4.

LEAMINGTON: Conrad Construction men's doubles: Quarter-finals: G Hayward and R Hall bt G Broome and B Jury, 6-3; A Bucknall and S Watson bt The Earl of Buckinghamshire and G King, 6-2; R Christmas and T Parker bt M and M McMurrugh, 6-4; C Griffiths-Jones and M Lingens bt P Channer and R Wright, 6-2. Semi-Finals: Hayward and Hall bt Buckness and Watson, 6-3; Griffiths-Jones and Lingens bt Christmas and Parker, 6-4. Final: Griffiths-Jones and Lingens bt Hayward and Hall, 6-4.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB, London: World doubles championship: Second leg: J Male and J Prenn (GB) bt N Smith and S Hazell (GB), 4-3 (7-15, 9-15, 15-3, 8-15, 15-11, 15-7, 15-4). Aggregate score 7-7; Smith and Hazell won on points scored.

SNOOKER

PRESTON: Royal Liver Assurance UK championship: First round (England unless stated): D Harold bt N Foulds, 9-3; D Reynolds bt J Birch, 9-1; T Griffiths (Wales) bt M Davis, 9-8; C Edwards bt J Johnson, 9-3; K Doherty (Eire) bt N Terry, 9-3; A Drago (Malta) bt J Burnett (Scot), 9-5; S Davis bt P Francisco (SA), 9-2; S Hendry (Scot) bt F O'Brien (Eire), 9-7; A Hamilton bt G Wilkinson, 9-3; A Chappel (Wales) bt M Bennett (Wales), 9-8; T Murphy (Ire) bt J Ferguson, 9-8, A Robidoux (Can) level with D Fowler, 4-4; S James leads R Lawler, 5-3; J White leads D McDonnell, 6-2; A Jones leads W Jones (Wales), 6-2, A Knowles leads S Newbury (Wales), 5-3; J Parrott leads G Baldrey, 5-3; M Johnston-Allen level with N Gilbert, 4-4; M Price leads J Prince (Ire), 6-2.

SQUASH

DOHA: Qatar International: First round: P Whitlock (Eng) bt P Steel (NZ), 15-8, 15-7, 15-11; C Walker (Eng) bt D Harris (Eng), 15-8, 12-15, 15-9, 15-8. Zarak Jahan Khan (Pak) bt F Usandizaga (Arg), 15-7, 15-13, 15-2; S Meads (Eng) bt M Maclean (Scot), 15-12, 15-7, 15-8; S Parke (Eng) bt M Cairns (Eng), 15-10, 11-15, 15-11, 15-7; R Norman (NZ) bt P Johnson (Eng), 15-10, 15-6 5-15, 14-15, 15-5; R Martin (Aus) bt G Wilson (NZ), 15-9, 15-7, 15-11; Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt P Lord (Eng), 15-11, 15-10, 15-6; P Nicol (Scot) bt H Wiens (Ger), 15-13, 13-15, 17-15, 15-11; S Elopuro (Fin) bt D Webb (Eng), 6-15, 15-6, 15-12, 15-5. Second round: R Eyles (Aus) bt T Hands (Eng), 15-8, 8-15, 13-15, 15-10, 15-3; Jansher Khan (Pak) bt M Carlyon (Aus), 15-9, 15-7, 15-11; P Marshall (Eng) bt P Whitlock (Eng), 15-14, 15-8, 15-8; Zarak Jahan Khan (Pak) bt C Walker (Eng), 15-11, 12-15, 5-15, 15-11, 15-14; R Martin (Aus) bt Jahangir Khan (Pak), 15-11, 15-6, 15-12.

SWIMMING

GATESHEAD: European sprint championships: Men: 50m freestyle: 1, J Holmquist (Swe), 22.26sec; equal 2, V Predkin (Russ), S Günzel (Ger), 22.45. 50m backstroke: 1, P Hermanspann, 25.76; 2, T Weber (Ger), 25.78; 3, Z Hegmegi (Swe), 25.99. 50m breaststroke: 1, V Ivanov (Russ), 27.82; 2, R Dekker (Hol), 27.89; 3, M Warnake (Ger), 28.03. 50m butterfly: 1, C Sanchez (Sp), 24.04; 2, J Karlsson (Swe), 24.19; 3, V Predkin (Russ), 24.32. 4 x 50m backstroke: 1, Germany, 1:44.97; 2, Britain, 1:48.28. 4 x 50m butterfly: 1, Sweden, 1:38.53; 2, Germany, 1:37.36. 4 x 50m medley: 1, Sweden, 1:39.54; 2, Russia, 1:40.22; 3, Germany, 1:40.23. Women: 50m backstroke: 1, S Völker (Ger), 28.26sec (world record); 2, N Zhivanevskaya (Russ), 28.71; 3, A Kutz (Ger), 29.32; 6, A Bennett (GB), 30.01. 50m butterfly: 1, L Karlsson (Swe), 27.49; 2, S Pozdeyeva (Russ), 27.88; 3, J Voitowitsch (Ger), 27.91. 100m medley: 1, L Karlsson (Swe), 1:01.45; 2, U Jardfelt (Swe), 1:02.74; 3, S Gerasch (Ger), 1:03.12. 4 x 50m freestyle: 1, Sweden, 1:41.27; 2, Germany, 1:43.08; 3, Britain, 1:46.04. 4 x 50m breaststroke: 1, Britain, 2:11.28; 2, Germany, 2:11.34

TENNIS

SWINDON: LTA women's satellite tournament: Finals: Singles: E Bond (Gloucs) bt S Parhomenko (Russ), 7-5, 6-3. Doubles: N Egorova (Russ) and Parhomenko bt A Smith (Staffs) and C Stassen (Holl), 6-0, 6-4.

ANTWERP: European Community championships: Quarter-finals: P Sampras (US) bt N Kulti (Swe), 7-6, 6-3; C Pioline (Fr) bt G Ivanisevic (Cro), 7-6, 6-0. Semi-finals: M Gustafsson (Swe) bt B Becker (Ger), 7-6, 6-3; Sampras bt Pioline, 4-6, 7-5, 6-1. Final: Sampras bt Gustafsson, 6-1, 6-4.

MOSCOW: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: P Kuhnen (Ger) bt K Braasch (Ger), 7-6, 7-6; M Rosset (Switz) bt D Poliakov (Ukr), 6-3, 2-6, 6-3. Final: Rosset bt Kuhnen, 6-4, 6-3.

BUENOS AIRES: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: J Arrese (Sp) bt Y El Aynaoui (Mor), 7-6, 5-7, 7-5; J Frana (Arg) bt E Sánchez (Sp), 6-7, 7-6, 6-0; C Costa (Sp) bt D Orsanic (Arg), 6-2, 1-0, ret. Semi-finals: A Berasategui (Sp) bt Arrese, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; Costa bt Frana, 6-4, 6-3.

PHILADELPHIA: Women's tournament: Quarter-finals: S Graf (Ger) bt A Coetzer (SA), 6-4, 6-1; C Martinez (Sp) bt N Zvereva (Belo), 6-4, 6-4; K Po (US) bt Z Garrison Jackson (US), 6-2, 6-4; A Frazier (US) bt G Sabatini (Arg), 2-6, 6-3, 7-5. Semi-finals: Graf bt Po, 6-3, 6-1; Martinez bt Frazier, 6-2, 6-4.

TENPIN BOWLING

JOHANNESBURG: World Cup: Final rounds: Women: P Smith (GB) bt L Lundin (Swe), 237-202; Smith bt S Manley (US), 223-182; Smith bt A Cardena (Phil), 210-183. Final: Smith bt R Greiner (Holl), 178-177. Men: J Guay (Can) bt E Groen (Holl), 237-207; P Nepomuceno (Phil) bt Guay, 196-180; R Pucis (Ger) bt Nepomuceno, 227-174. Final: Pucis bt T Leandersson (Swe), 258-184. Failed to qualify: P Delany (GB), 9,514.

WEIGHTLIFTING

MELBOURNE: World championships: Men: 59kg: 1, N Peshalov (Bul), 137.5, 157.5, 305kg; 2, H Suleymanoglu (Tur), 135.0, 160.0, 295.0; 3, Tang Ningsheng (China), 130.0, 162.5, 292.5. 64kg: 1, N Suleymanoglu (Tur), snatch 145.0, jerk 177.5, total 322.5kg; 2, Ri Hi-bong (N Kor), 142.5, 175.0, 317.5; 3, Y Sarkisian (Armenia), 140.0, 175.0, 315.0. Women: 50kg: 1, Liu Xiuhua (China), 77.5, 110.0, 187.5; 2, Guan Hong (China), 77.5, 100.0, 177.5; 3, Chu-Chun Kuo (Taiwan), 75.0, 95.0, 170.0. 54kg: 1, Chen Xiaomin (China), 90.0, 110.0, 200.0; 2, R Byrd (US), 82.5, 95.0, 177.5; 3, K Malleswari (India), 82.5, 95.0, 177.5.

FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

FA Cup
First round
Yeovil Town v Fulham (8.00)

DRINKWISE CUP: Second round: Kidderminster v Stafford (7.45).

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Oxford United v Portsmouth. West Ham v Norwich (2.00).

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Emley v Droylsden. First division: Curzon Ashton v Radcliffe Borough. Guiseley v Worksop Town. President's Cup: Second round: Hyde v Leek.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Chelmsford v Corby; Hednesford v Worcester.

FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Northampton Town v Leicester.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH
Briton Ferry v Neath

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: Royal Liver Assurance UK championship (Preston).

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'There are no incentives left. I would rather end on a happy note'

CHRIS COLE/ALLSPORT



Gower, the artist who can look back on a career that brought him Test runs by the thousand and supporters by the million. Only Graham Gooch has scored more runs for England

Gower the infuriator, Gower the charmer



Alan Lee looks back on the career of a man who brought style and grace to the art of batsmanship

Such was the enduring appeal of a man who was probably not the best, certainly not the most consistent but definitely the best-loved English cricketer of his generation, the news of David Gower's retirement from cricket yesterday will have saddened many.

It was a popularity of great passion, best evinced by the uprising of MCC members, some distinguished names among them, over his omission from the England tour party last winter. It manifested itself wherever he appeared and whatever the circumstances, to a point where Gower himself confessed: "I sometimes wonder what I would have to do to upset these people."

He has upset them now, of course, though paradoxically it was to avoid doing so, in addition to securing all the more material benefits of retirement, that he took his decision. "I was looking to next season thinking I was not really sure I wanted to be there," he said yesterday. "If there are no great incentives left, I am going to get fed up and the people who watch me are going to get fed up, too. I would rather end on a happy note."

And so the deed was done, the unconscionable time spent over it justified by what, for him, is not only the right conclusion but the positive one. To have played another year for Hampshire, with little enthusiasm, would have prejudiced the reputation and the memories of 18 years in which his public stock never faltered with the tribulations of his career.

Whenever England left him out, which was remarkably often, the reaction ranged from sympathy to outrage. He was twice sacked as England captain, without exciting any wide acknowledgment of his shortcomings, and when, occasionally, he did things for which others might be publicly censured, Gower was no worse than humoured by his huge and loyal following.

His excesses have included flattening the stumps after getting out, walking out of a press conference in pique, writing off a hire car on a frozen lake and, of course, the infamous Tiger Moth jaunt in Australia during the 1990-1 tour. Through it all, he has sustained support by his native charm and boyish innocence and, most important, the certainty that whatever drives him is not malice.

Many cricket followers will suggest that he should have played another 20 Tests at least, and they are probably right. But the reasons why he was restricted to 117, and why he did not improve every available run record — with 8,231 runs he is the sixth-highest run-scorer in Tests, and second only to Graham Gooch for England — have as much to do with his own singular personality as to the narrow-mindedness of others in positions of power.

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It is an endearing trait of Gower to be always himself, rather than posing for effect. But frequently this has led to trouble, his own view of what he ought to be allowed to do conflicting sharply with those of less liberal mind. He has, apparently, never been different. At King's School in Canterbury he was head boy material, but had barely risen to the rank of house monitor when he absented himself from evening roll-call to take a girl to the cinema, and promptly had his stripe removed.

His first appearance in county cricket was as a substitute fielder for Leicestershire. Almost immediately, he held a stunning one-handed catch at short-leg. Then he left the field. It could be said that this syndrome — impose the memory, then vanish — too often mirrored his contributions when he graduated to batting, but that would be unfair.

With Gower, as with Ted Dexter, Barry and Vivian Richards and precious few others of recent times, the expectation was higher through their presence and their ability to make batting look ridiculously simple.

Like Dexter, too, Gower transmitted the silent message that cricket was there to enjoy, not to consume the mind. There were times when Gower appeared to care too little when things went wrong, an impression which infuriated Graham Gooch to far-reaching effect. But Gower would claim that what he was applying to a situation was not insouciance but perspective. "It's not so much the winning or losing," he once said. "It's more that if I feel I've played as well as I can, I feel okay."

On a sunlit June afternoon in 1978, Gower nonchalantly pulled his first ball in Test cricket to the square boundary at Edgbaston. It was a declaration of how he intended to conduct business and, with few diversions, he was faithful to it. He batted without inhibitions, sometimes to the point of ignoring wise warnings about predetermined traps, and he fielded, in those early years at least, with fleet-footed certainty which made England, with Gower on one side of the wicket and Derek Randall the other, an awesomely tough team from which to steal a single.

The exceptions, however, though memorable for their rarity, showed that Gower could adapt his game to circumstances if he chose. By instinct a match-winner, he could be equally skilful in defensive mode, notably his eight-hour century to save the Jamaica Test of 1981 and the centuries in successive Tests in Pakistan when, early in 1984, he took over the captaincy of a team ravaged by injury, illness and Botham-related scandal.

The England captaincy was always destined to follow on an official but, through his nature, none-too-permanent basis. Gower had some high times in charge, following a worthy victory in India with a sublime summer against the 1985 Australians, when his batting was at its peak and his leadership unquestioned. But in the Caribbean, his hands-off style was castigated when he was sunbathing on a yacht while the team was losing to an island team, and things were never the same again.

Peter May dispensed with him, as Dexter was to do once more three years later at the start of a final chapter in which Gower's face never seemed to fit and his record as a big-match player never to mean as much as it should. He might, maybe should, have returned one more time to the Test side last summer, for no opposition inspired him more than Australia. But then the moment passed, and this weekend's decision became the only dignified course to take. He will be hugely missed.

GOWER'S CAREER RECORD

Gower in first-class cricket

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100
While with Leicestershire							
1975	3	5	—	65	32	13.00	—
1976	7	13	4	323	102*	35.88	1
1977	25	34	2	745	144*	23.28	1
1977-8 (SL)	2	2	—	76	59	38.00	—
1978	21	31	2	1,086	111	37.86	2
1978-9 (A)	12	20	1	623	102	32.78	1
1979	17	27	4	957	200*	41.60	1
1979-80 (A/I)	9	15	2	354	96*	27.23	—
1980	24	36	1	1,142	138	32.62	2
1980-1 (WI)	8	14	1	726	167	55.84	2
1981	19	33	4	1,418	156*	48.89	5
1981-2 (I/SL)	13	18	3	755	94	50.33	—
1982	20	35	2	1,530	176*	46.36	2
1982-3 (A)	10	19	1	821	114	45.61	2
1983	19	32	5	1,253	140	46.40	5
1983-4 (NZ/P)	9	14	1	746	173*	57.38	2
1984	18	30	2	999	117*	35.67	2
1984-5 (SL/I)	11	15	1	482	86	34.42	—
1985	21	29	2	1,477	215	54.70	6
1985-6 (WI)	8	16	—	447	90	27.93	—
1986	14	23	2	830	131	39.52	1
1986-7 (A)	9	16	2	508	136	36.28	1
1987	20	31	4	1,197	125	44.33	2
1988	22	38	4	1,317	172	38.73	2
1989	17	30	1	1,102	228	38.00	3
1989-90 (WI)	1	1	—	4	4	4.00	—
While with Hampshire							
1990	20	32	5	1,263	157*	46.77	3
1990-1 (A)	10	19	1	578	123	32.11	2
1991	23	38	5	1,142	80*	34.60	—
1992	20	33	7	1,225	155	47.11	1
1993	16	26	1	1,136	153	42.07	4
Total	448	727	70	26,339	228	40.09	53

Gower in Test cricket

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100
v Australia	42	77	4	3,269	215	44.78	9
v India	24	37	6	1,391	200*	44.87	2
v W Indies	19	38	3	1,149	154*	32.82	1
v Pakistan	17	27	3	1,185	173*	49.37	2
v N Zealand	13	22	1	1,051	131	50.04	4
v Sri Lanka	2	3	1	188	89	93.00	—
Total	117	204	18	8,231	215	44.25	18

Leading run scorers in Test cricket

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100
A R Border	148	253	43	10,711	205	51.00	26
S M Gavaskar	125	214	16	10,122	236*	51.12	34
Miandad	121	184	21	8,689	280*	53.30	23
I V A Richards	121	182	12	8,540	291	50.23	24
G A Gooch	107	195	6	8,293	333	43.87	19
D I Gower	117	204	18	8,231	215	44.25	18
G Boycott	108	193	23	8,114	246*	47.72	22
G A Sobers	93	160	21	8,032	365*	57.78	26
M C Cowdrey	114	188	15	7,624	182	44.06	22
G Greenidge	108	185	16	7,558	226	44.72	19

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Gower caresses the ball through the offside with characteristic elegance

Century by Jones puts New Zealand in control

FROM PETER ROEBUCK IN PERTH

TWO tasks faced New Zealand's cricketers as they resumed their first innings on a second muggy day in the first Test match here yesterday. Their supposedly fragile batting had to show the competence and concentration required in Test cricket, and their senior players had to counter the acknowledged threat of Shane Warne.

By the close, both tasks had been accomplished with something to spare and New Zealand were 390 for six, only eight runs behind Australia's first-innings total.

In both cases, a debt was owed to Andrew Jones, one of cricket's more singular characters. He scored 143. Jones had swept Warne's opening delivery to the fine leg boundary, and he kept sweeping and batting until all notions of New Zealand inferiority had been scattered to the wind.

Every visiting batsman sold his wicket dearly, and Crowe and Cairns dared to contemplate domination. By the close, the Australians were scratching their heads and wondering why the ball was not swinging or spinning, and why so insipid a pitch had been provided.

Jones's innings was a characteristic mixture of punishing cuts and drives through cover, and firm defence. With Crowe, he added 76 runs in 131 minutes as the faster bowlers dropped short in search of life. Still more significantly, Warne felt obliged to bowl round the wicket and to mix up his deliveries at a cost to his accuracy.

Before lunch, Crowe, who had attacked Warne with particular relish, was caught at slip as he pushed loosely at an outswinger from Reiffel, and afterwards Rutherford nibbled at the second new ball to give McDermott his 200th Test wicket. Otherwise, it was not much of a day for McDermott.

Meanwhile, Jones continued, and while he did so gully never slept for his shots were hard but occasionally airborne. By the time he lashed once too often at Mark Waugh and was caught behind, he had batted for 351 minutes and given only one chance, on 113, Healy missing an awkward stumping off Warne.

Healy also dropped Cairns on 31 off Mark Waugh and doubtless, by stumps, he was contemplating the ups and downs of life.

Patel did not linger and was smartly caught at gully as he square cut. But New Zealand were not finished, Cairns and Blain taking the score to 316 for six by tea and, after an hour had been lost to rain, opening their shoulders to such good effect that a further 74 runs were added at nearly a run a minute. Cairns twice hit McDermott back over his head, and he pulled at every opportunity as Australia relied too much on their faster bowlers. He found in Blain the gamest, if most nomadic, of partners.

Australia's cricket had not much to commend it, and their tactics were curious, the faster men pitching short and often bowling round the wicket. McGrath bowled with heart and pace yet he cannot often have found himself asked to bowl so many bumpers from so peculiar an angle. It was a heartening day for New Zealand, but the pitch is immoderately flat and victory may be beyond them. But then, that was said of them scoring 400 in Perth against Warne and company.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

M A Taylor b Cairns	64
M J Slater c Patel b Cairns	10
D C Boon c Rutherford b Cairns	0
M E Waugh lbw Morrison	38
*A R Border c Rutherford b Morrison	16
S R Waugh c Blain b Patel	44
†I A Healy not out	113
P R Reiffel c Jones b Watson	51
S K Warne c Patel b Cairns	11
C J McDermott b Su'a	35
G D McGrath lbw Su'a	0
Extras (b 4, lb 7, nb 7)	18
Total	396

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-37, 3-100, 4-129, 5-164, 6-198, 7-291, 8-329, 9-396.

BOWLING: Morrison 35-4-113-2 (nb1); Cairns 28-4-113-4 (nb9); Watson 24-11-52-1; Su'a 19.5-2-72-2 (nb3); Patel 8-0-37-1.

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings

M J Greatbatch c Healy b McGrath	18
B A Pocock c Boon b McDermott	34
A H Jones c Healy b M E Waugh	143
*M D Crowe c Taylor b Reiffel	42
K R Rutherford c Healy b McDermott	17
D N Patel c S R Waugh b Reiffel	20
C L Cairns not out	68
†T E Blain not	35
Extras (b 1, lb 6, nb 8)	15
Total (6 wkts)	390

M L Su'a, D K Morrison and W Watson to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-100, 3-199, 4-238, 5-275, 6-292.

BOWLING: McDermott 34-9-109-2 (nb2); McGrath 35-10-90-1; Reiffel 24-2-75-2 (nb6); Warne 28-3-81-0; M E Waugh 13-4-18-1; S R Waugh 4-0-10-0; Border 2-2-0-0.

Umpires: D B Hair, A J McQuilten, T A Prue.

Tainton tries to enliven dreary encounter

Bristol 16
Gloucester 12

BY BARRY TROWBRIDGE

EVEN on a good day, these sides, head to head, find it hard to offer entertaining rugby. On Saturday, at the Memorial Ground, it rained, blew, then rained some more. It was not an afternoon for the connoisseur.

Few, if any, reputations were enhanced and while, a short distance away, Bath were celebrating Gareth Chilcott's last home game by thumping Newcastle Gosforth 46-3 with a breathtaking display of handling in similar conditions, mediocrity reigned as Bristol, inspired only by Mark Tainton at stand-off half, won by a goal and three penalty goals to four penalty goals by Ashley Johnson.

That Bristol, courtesy of Ralph Knibbs, ran in a try before the crowd had settled, did not help. It came after Mark Nicholson, not surprisingly, had spilt a garryowen from Knibbs himself. Tainton converted and added a penalty goal inside ten minutes before the game settled into a dour display of ten-man rugby with nobody prepared to alter the pattern.

With David Sims, the England A lock, playing spiritedly out of position at No 8, Gloucester rallied with the gale at their backs and reduced a 13-3 deficit to 13-9 ten minutes after the break. But there was no obvious self-belief and a lot of questions need to be answered quickly at Kingsholm if Gloucester are to escape relegation come April. This season, there may be no way out.

With a third of the league programme completed, gaps, perhaps more significant than they seem, are starting to appear. Four points to the good and seemingly more hungry than ever, Bath stand alone, but Newcastle Gosforth and Gloucester are beginning to look isolated too.

Next weekend, they face London Irish and Northampton respectively. If the games go to form, the gloom at Bristol on Saturday will seem nothing to that over Kingsholm: a giant of English rugby will be leaving the main stage.

On that theme, Chilcott's departure from the Recreation Ground was marked by Bath running in five tries, to take their tally in league matches to 20. Jon Callard, after recent disappointments, found his kicking form to promote his claim for an England place .

His contribution of 19 points could have been more. But for the conversion of Barnsey's try under the posts, John Hall called up Chilcott.

SCORERS: Bristol: Try: Knibbs. Conversion: Tainton. Penalty goals: Tainton (3) Gloucester: Penalty goals: Johnson (4).

BRISTOL: P Hull; D John, A Savenmutto, R Knibbs, B Whitehead; M Tainton, K Bracken, B Smith, M Regan, D Hinkins, J Pearson, R Armstrong, S Shaw, C Barrow, D Eves

GLOUCESTER: M Roberts; P Hotford, D Cummins, D Caskie, M Nicholson, A Johnson, B Fenley, P Jones, J Hawker, A Deacon, R Fowke, S Devereux, R West, I Smith, D Sims.

Referee: S Piercy (Yorkshire).

☐ Steve Lloyd, the Moseley lock, was sent off for kicking after only six minutes of his side's second division game against Sale at The Reddings. Lloyd was spotted using the boot in a ruck by a touch judge, Brian Abrahams, and the referee, Chris Rees, had no hesitation in dismissing him.

Ireland offer Romania traditional hospitality

Ireland 25
Romania 3

FROM DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT
IN DUBLIN

CLEARLY one should not overdose on New Zealand, Australian and French rugby. Dublin is one of the jolliest rugby capitals to visit, yet the groans to be heard at Lansdowne Road on Saturday were from those suffering severe withdrawal symptoms as Ireland ground to a pedestrian conclusion against a Romanian team of severe tactical limitations.

Ireland occupied a position unusual for them in an international, the driving seat, and they have a driver in Eric Elwood. The stand-off half, who scored 20 points in victory by a goal and six penalty goals to a penalty, plays a far more structured game than has traditionally been associated with his country. But the overwhelming victory that looked likely would not come, the Irish selectors possibly paying the penalty for staying faithful to players in their back division who have been out of sorts. If this was the sort of game, for example, in which to experiment with Mick Galwey at flanker, would it not have been a good time to see Mark McCall or Dan Dooley in the midfield?

But it is not so many months ago that Ireland were going through an horrendous trot of 11 successive defeats. This was their third victory in succession, which they have not done since 1982, and if they lost their way in the second half they did so in wet, bitterly cold conditions that were no encouragement to constructive rugby, nor to the 20,000 faithful who turned up to watch.

Noel Murphy, the manager, confirmed the Irish Rugby Football Union's intent to ensure a "meaningful" autumn international annually at Lansdowne Road. Next year, it will be Canada but, outside the southern-hemisphere countries, it is not always easy to judge the potential quality or value of opponents.

Romania's primary emotion was relief, that they had kept the score to a respectable level by the strength of their defence. Teodor Radulescu, their coach who blithely took the field at half-time though that is one of the few things the International Rugby Football Board do not yet permit, might claim he had considerable effect: his side trailed 19-0 at the interval yet lost the second half only 6-3. "It's a young side and there are good enough signs to pursue what we have started," Radulescu, who faces a World Cup qualifying tournament with Germany and Russia in the spring, said.

Even so, his players lost the lineout 2-1, were hammered in the penalty count, saw Stefan Rosu have a dreadful day with his tactical kicking and only once came close to a try when Andrei Guranescu was worked away after one of those close-passing forward drives that were the best feature of their play.

Ireland's try, after Elwood looked like threatening the world record for penalties achieved by Neil Jenkins in Cardiff last Wednesday, began with Bradley's looped pass, improved with the release of O'Shea and almost faltered with a dreadful pass to Geoghegan, who had to stop to take it. That had the effect, however, of fooling his marker and the wing galloped off to the line. Thereafter Ireland's handling proved faulty, their concentration wavered and, like the generous hosts they are, the last word was left to Rosu.

SCORERS: Ireland: Try: Geoghegan. Conversion: Elwood Penalty goals: Elwood (6). Romania: Penalty goal: Rosu

IRELAND: C P O'Shea (Lansdowne); R M Wallace (Garryowen), V J G Cunningham (St Mary's College), P P A Danaher (Garryowen), S P Geoghegan (London Irish); E P Elwood (Lansdowne), M T Bradley (Cork Constitution, captain); N J Popplewell (Greystones), T J Kingston (Dolphin), G F Halpin (London Irish), M J Galwey (Shannon), P S Johns (Dungannon), N P Francis (Old Belvedere), W D McBride (Malone), B F Robinson (Ballymena) P D McCarthy (Cork Constitution) replaced Popplewell (77 min).

ROMANIA: V Brici (Farul Constanta); C Sasu (Farul Constanta), G Solomie (UE Timisoara), N Fulina (Farul Constanta), L Colceriu (Steaua Bucharest); S Rosu (Sibiu), D Neagu (Dinamo Bucharest); G Leonte (Mennel), C Gheorghe (Grivita), G Viad (Grivita), H Dumitras (Pau, captain), T Oroian (Steaua Bucharest), A Girbu (Farul Constanta), A Guranescu (Dinamo Bucharest), T Brinza (Cluj University). C Cojocariu (Beyonnel replaced Girbu (44 min), N Marin (Farul Constanta) temporarily replaced Cojocariu (68-71).

Referee: R Yeman (Wales)

The full back, Gavin Johnson, playing his first international, scored 22 points, with a try, four conversions and three penalties, as South Africa beat Argentina 52-23 in the second international in Buenos Aires on Saturday.

Grayson chooses bad time for poor display

Northampton 9
Orrell 13

BY BRYAN STILES

SUCCESSFUL goal-kickers are a priceless asset for any team, and Paul Grayson, of Northampton, is no exception. But, like every player, he has his off days and unfortunately for him he had one when he least wanted it at Franklins Gardens on Saturday.

Grayson missed four of six attempts at goal and his touch-finding was far from perfect. Worse still, his unhappy display was watched from the stand by Geoff Cooke, the England manager.

Grayson will know that Cooke will probably write off his showing as one bad day at the office. But he would have preferred to kick with the metronomic precision that had brought him 101 points in his seven previous club games.

More important for his team, his waywardness cost valuable Courage League points. But perhaps the unkindest cut of all was the way some supporters greeted the kicks that he did put to touch with ironic cheers. They are entitled to vent their feelings, but undermining the confidence of one of their own players hardly does much for the team's prospects.

They might have been better employed questioning the tactics employed in the second half when Northampton were playing catch-up rugby after trailing 13-3 at half-time.

Steve Tabemer, Orrell's long-kicking full back and captain, had the right idea in the restricting conditions involving rain, mud and a greasy ball. He frequently booted the ball down into the corners, rather than trusting to handling moves to gain territory. He encouraged Jerry Ainscough, his stand-off half, to do the same and this frustrated Northampton, who also found the wily Dewi Morris a continuous threat.

The home team frequently tried to run through the middle, only occasionally sending the ball to touch near the corner flags. Already without Martin Bayfield and Peter Walton, they suffered a severe blow when John Olver, the captain, left the field after 30 minutes suffering from the effects of influenza. His steadying hand was missed as his team allowed anxiety to blunt their edge.

Grayson missed his first penalty in the third minute and by the seventeenth he had missed three. Ainscough had stroked over two by that stage. Ainscough also converted a try scored by Dave Cleary in the 35th minute. A long kick to the corner brought a lineout, from which Charles Cusani set up a rolling maul and Cleary dived over.

Grayson kicked a penalty goal on either side of half-time, but when he missed another the kicking duties passed to Ian Hunter.

SCORERS: Northampton: Penalty goals: Grayson (2), Hunter. Orrell: Try: Cleary. Conversion: Ainscough. Penalty goals: Ainscough (2)

NORTHAMPTON: I Hunter; F Packman, N Beal, J Fletcher, H Thorneycroft; P Grayson, M Dawson; G Baldwin, J Olver, G Pearce, M Stanfert, G Webster, J Phillips, G Mallhouse. T Rodber. Olver was replaced by P Roworth, 30min

ORRELL: S Tabemer; J Naylor, P Johnson, M Farr, P Harner; G Ainscough, D Morris; M Hynes, G French, S Southern, P Manley. C Cooper, C Cusani, N Ashurst, D Cleary. Cooper replaced by C Brierley, 59.

Referee: K Ricketts (Portsmouth).

Scotland's prospects brightened by A team

Scotland A 9
New Zealanders 20

BY ALAN LORIMER

SCOTTISH rugby was grateful for a rehabilitating performance by the A side at Old Anniesland on Saturday. It did much to erase the memory of the result from the Borders three days earlier. The gloom that settled in the wake of the 84-5 slaughter of the South has been replaced by a sense of optimism, for the New Zealanders no longer look as invincible as they appeared at Galashiels.

David Johnston, the Scotland A coach, went as far as to say: "I was disappointed we did not win. We had a lot of pressure but did not get full reward. But overall I was pleased with the performance of a team that had been thrown together just two days before the match."

The Scots accepted the challenge of the haka by taking the game to their opponents with a display reminiscent of Scotland's performance against New Zealand in 1983, when the All Blacks were held to a 25-25 draw.

The back row of Rob Wainwright, Dave McIvor and Carl Hogg unsettled the opposition by driving at them before recycling more usable ball. At the lineout, the Scots also enjoyed considerable success, notably through Andy Macdonald, although Wainwright also made a telling contribution in this area.

Whereas the New Zealanders ran in 12 tries against South, they only once managed to cross the Scotland A line, a tribute as much to the the challenge offered up front as to a defiant defence. This time, tackles were made to count. There was no more inspirational figure than Ian Jardine, the Stirling County centre, who played his best game since rising to prominence in the trial at Murrayfield last year.

It was perhaps ironic that Scottish rugby should have rediscovered itself in Glasgow, a city better known for its devotion to the round-ball game. The match had been originally awarded to the Borders but was switched to the west of Scotland after a more equitable distribution of tour games had been demanded.

Laurie Mains, the New Zealand coach, was quick to praise the Scots for their style of play. "This was a very good side that played a New Zealand style of rugby," he said. Sean Fitzpatrick, the captain, paid a further compliment when he said: "This was the first game in the tour that forwards really came at us."

For Saturday's international, the All Blacks can expect their opponents to adopt a similar style, and this will influence their selection, although they have a further chance to assess contenders for Murrayfield tomorrow when they play the Scottish Development XV at Myreside.

Saturday's game was seen as the final opportunity for the probable international XV to play together. But a number of positions may now be under review. Neither of the flankers, Paul Henderson and Jamie Joseph, both of whom were playing for the first time since the match against South West at Redruth, was particularly effective and New Zealand may well be tempted to play Blair Larsen and Zinzan Brooke. Injuries received by Craig Dowd and Steve Gordon were only bruising and both will be available.

Joseph did his image no good when he appeared to stamp on the head of Dave McIvor in a ruck. But Bill Calder, the linesman closest to the action, did not signal for foul play, which was perhaps fortunate for the touring team's management in advance of the forthcoming so called "rucking summit".

SCORERS: Scotland A: Penalty goal: Dods. Dropped goals: Wyllie (2). New Zealanders: Try: Ellis. Penalty goals: Cooper (5)

SCOTLAND A: M Dods (Gala), K Logan (Stirling County), S Nichol (Selkirk), I Jardine (Stirling County), G Parker (Melrose); D Wyllie (Stewart's Melville FP, capt), B Redpath (Melrose), A Watt (Glasgow High/Kelvinside), K McKenzie (Stirling County), D Herrington (Dundee High School FP), D McIvor (Edinburgh Academicals), S Munro (Glasgow High/Kelvinside), A Macdonald (Heriot's FP), R Wainwright (Edinburgh Academicals). C Hogg (Melrose).

NEW ZEALANDERS: J Timu (Otago); J Wilson (Otago), F Bunce (North Harbour), M Cooper (Waikato), V Tuigamala (Auckland), M Ellis (Otago), S Forster (Otago), C Dowd (Auckland), S Fitzpatrick (Auckland, capt), O Brown (Auckland) J Joseph (Otago), S Gordon (Waikato), I Jones (North Auckland), P Henderson (Southland), A Pene (Otago) Dowd was replaced by M Allen (Taranaki, 13mn) Gordon was replaced by B Larsen (North Harbour, 36).

Referee: A Spreadbury (England).

TOM KIDD



Tuigamala's powerful hand-off fails to deter Logan from trying to bring down the powerful New Zealand wing

Harlequins exhibit tougher image

Leicester 3
Harlequins 10

BY JOHN HOPKINS

STAGS lock horns. Brian Moore and Richard Cockerill locked eyes. Just before the start, they stared menacingly at one another. Intimidation was in the air and Moore may have won this little cameo over his young challenger. As they took up their positions for the kick-off, he had a hint of a smirk on his face.

This was an important match for Harlequins and their doughty victory was won slightly against the odds and in an unexpected fashion. Yet it was deserved, well thought out and well executed. Harlequins move to second place in the league, and Leicester have to face Bath in five days' time. Not a prospect to delight them. At least, it is at Welford Road.

The game on Saturday was no less important for Moore, 31, the England hooker whose place is being contested by Graham Dawe and John Olver, both of whom are in the England squad, and by young pretenders such as Cockerill, who is not. Last week, Geoff Cooke, the England manager, spoke critically of England's hookers. If it was a psychological ploy, it did not impress Moore. "If it was, it could have been done a little more subtly," Moore said.

It worked, though. Moore gave a solid performance in the mud and rain at Welford Road. He threw in well. He, Andy Mullins and Jason Leonard were a stout trio in the front row. Something of their gritty performance spread through the rest of the team. In the hectic last ten minutes, when Leicester had six penalties or free kicks in the 22, Harlequins demonstrated a hardness and discipline in defence that the dilettantes of the capital are not supposed to give.

Leicester's problem was that John Liley kicked only one penalty goal out of six attempts — and the most difficult one at that. Furthermore, Rory Underwood, who was playing his first game for Leicester in the the centre, contributed little. He looked what he was: a man out of position.

But somebody has put some grit into Harlequins, who played a tight, no-nonsense game. Paul Challinor may have passed the ball once, but if he did it was probably a mistake. It was so wet and slippery that kicking was the correct tactic. "They played the conditions better than we did," Tony Russ, the Leicester director of rugby, admitted.

Who is responsible for this new attitude of the Quins? Is it Jamie Salmon, the general manager, who gnawed nervously on his nails as the game wore on, or the genial Australian, Bob Templeton, whose friendly face beneath a Paul Hogan hat wore a slightly concerned look. He had a tape machine to hand to record his thoughts.

Moore and Leicester are not exactly a love match. Most of the 10,000 spectators who braved the rain to urge on Leicester probably regard him with something bordering dislike. Moore is not exactly smitten by them, either. "I've been up here so many times and lost, I am happy to win," the hooker said. "It was an untypical Harlequin performance."

SCORERS: Leicester: Penalty goal Liley. Harlequins: Tries: O'Leary, Caring.

LEICESTER: J Liley; S Hackney, S Potter, R Underwood, T Underwood; J Harris, B Gabriel; G Rowntree, R Cockerill, D Garforth, J Wells, M Johnson, M Poole, N Back, D Richards.

HARLEQUINS: K Bray; D O'Leary, W Carling, G Thompson, J Alexander; P Challinor, R Glenister; J Leonard, B Moore, A Mullins, M Russell, A Snow, D Dix, C Sheasby, R Langham

Referee: B Campsall (Yorkshire).

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Ireland: Try: Geoghegan. Con: Elwood Pens: Elwood 6 Romania: Pen: Rosu

Tour matches

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Scotland A: Pens: Dods Dropped Goals: Wyllie 2 New Zealand: Try: Ellis Pens: Cooper 5

Argentina 23 South Africa 52
(at Buenos Aires)

Courage Clubs Championship

First division

Bath	6	6	0	0	184	67	12
Harlequins	6	4	0	2	107	66	8
Leicester	6	4	0	2	119	80	8
Orrell	6	3	0	3	110	94	6
Bristol	6	3	0	3	97	92	6
Northampton	6	3	0	3	98	109	6
Wasps	5	2	1	2	84	103	5
London Irish	5	2	0	3	58	84	4
Gloucester	6	0	2	4	73	116	2
Newcastle Gos	6	0	1	5	64	182	1

Second division

Moseley 9 Sale 3
Moseley: Pens: Kerr 3. Sale: Pen: Joe.

Nottingham 9 Hartlepool 17
Nottingham: Pens: Gregory 2. Dropped goal: Gregory West Hartlepool: Tries: Lancaster, Mitchell Cons: Stabler 2. Pen: Stabler.

Otley 9 Saracens 11
Otley: Pens: Rutledge 3. Saracens: Try Davies Pens: Tunningley 2.

Rugby 3 Waterloo 6
Rugby: Pen: Mapletoft. Waterloo: Try: Fletcher Pen: Swindells

Wakefield 17 London Scottish 11
Wakefield: Try: Thompson. Pens: Liley 4
London Scottish: Try: Walker Pens: Wichary 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W Hartlepool	6	5	1	0	147	72	11
Saracens	6	4	1	1	73	96	9
Sale	6	4	0	2	103	53	8
Wakefield	6	2	2	2	105	86	6
Moseley	6	3	0	3	81	81	6
Otley	6	3	0	3	86	111	6
Waterloo	6	2	1	3	89	93	5
London Scottish	6	2	0	4	55	68	4
Rugby	6	2	0	4	54	119	4
Nottingham	6	0	1	5	63	107	1

Third division

Bedford 22 Redruth 3
Bedford: Tries: Turner, Whatstone, penalty try Cons: Finnie 2 Pen: Finnie Redruth: Pen: Whitworth

Exeter 25 Havant 20
Exeter: Tries: Bees, Hutchinson, Keely Cons: Green 2 Pens: Green 2. Havant: Tries: Jones, Ward Cons: Jones 2 Pens: Jones 2.

Morley 9 Coventry 12
Morley: Pen: Grayshon Dropped goals: Grayshon 2. Coventry: Pens: Lakey 4

Richmond 22 Blackheath 0
Richmond: Try: Livesey Con: Livesey Pens: Livesey 4 Dropped goal: Livesey

Rosslyn Park 3 Fylde 13
Rosslyn Park: Pen: King. Fylde: Tries: Ashton, Collinge. Pen: Parker.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bedford	4	4	0	0	82	41	8
Richmond	4	3	0	1	88	35	6
Coventry	4	3	0	1	67	56	6
Fylde	4	3	0	1	63	42	6
Blackheath	4	2	0	2	58	52	4
Rosslyn Park	4	1	1	2	53	65	3
Exeter	4	1	1	2	56	67	3
Morley	4	1	0	3	60	67	2
Havant	4	1	0	3	57	88	2
Redruth	4	0	0	4	25	93	0

Fourth division

Askeans 28 Plymouth 16
Clifton 18 Broughton Park 8
Liverpool St H 24 Harrogate 10
Sheffield 27 Leeds 10
Sudbury 18 Aspatria 6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Clifton	4	3	1	0	87	41	7
Liverpool St H	4	3	0	1	97	51	6
Harrogate	4	2	1	1	64	52	5
Sheffield	4	2	0	2	84	34	4
Askeans	4	2	0	2	76	79	4
Leeds	4	2	0	2	65	78	4
Broughton Pk	4	2	0	2	56	81	4
Plymouth	4	2	0	2	60	106	4
Sudbury	4	1	0	3	49	75	2
Aspatria	4	0	0	4	49	92	0

Fifth division north

Hereford	3	Rotherham	3
Kendal	3	Durham	3
Nuneaton	9	Birmingham Sol	8
Stoke-on-Trent	17	Lichfield	5
Stourbridge	10	Preston G	16
Wrmnington Park	9	Walsall	6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Preston G	3	3	0	0	48	31	6
Hereford	3	2	1	0	42	27	5
Wrmnington Park	3	2	0	1	45	27	4
Birmingham Sol	3	2	0	1	39	23	4
Rotherham	3	1	1	1	60	47	3
Durham	3	1	1	1	42	35	3
Kendal	3	1	1	1	34	23	3
Stoke-on-Trent	3	1	0	2	41	43	2
Walsall	2	1	0	1	22	24	2
Lichfield	3	1	0	2	33	39	2
Nuneaton	2	1	0	1	15	24	2
Bradford/Barg	2	0	0	2	26	30	0
Stourbridge	3	0	0	3	28	86	0

Fifth division south

Basingstoke	10	Lydney	16
Camborne	36	High Wycombe	13
North Walsham	13	London Welsh	6
Reading	41	Maidstone	0
Tabard	19	Southend	6
Weston-s-Mare	15	Berry Hill	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Reading	3	3	0	0	74	6	6
Lydney	3	3	0	0	44	24	6
Tabard	3	2	1	0	54	27	5
High Wycombe	3	2	0	1	36	52	4
North Walsham	3	1	1	1	27	33	3
Camborne	3	1	0	2	45	33	2
Basingstoke	3	1	0	2	41	36	2
Weston-s-Mare	3	1	0	2	28	28	2
Southend	3	1	0	2	35	47	2
Maidstone	3	1	0	2	19	67	2
London Welsh	3	0	1	2	18	37	1
Berry Hill	3	0	1	2	12	38	1
Met Police	2	0	0	2	31	39	0

Heineken League

First division

Aberavon 3 Swansea 10
Aberavon: Pen: Bebb. Swansea: Tries: I Davies, Gibbs.

Cardiff 52 Newport 3
Cardiff: Tries: Bevan 2, Ford 2, Walker 2, Taylor Cons: Davies 4 Pens. Davies 3. Newport: Pen: Rees.

Dunvant 13 Pontypool 10
Dunvant: Try: Penalty. Con: Thomas. Pens: Thomas 2 Pontypool: Try: McCarthy Con: Ring. Pen: Ring.

Llanelli 6 Pontypridd 6
Llanelli: Try: Lamerton Dropped goal: Stephens Pontypridd: Pens: Jenkins 2.

Postponed: Cross Keys v Neath; Newbridge v Bridgend

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Llanelli	10	9	0	1	273	128	18
Swansea	10	9	0	1	226	124	18
Neath	9	8	1	0	221	116	17
Cardiff	10	8	0	2	409	176	16
Pontypridd	9	5	1	3	209	152	11
Dunvant	9	4	0	5	119	217	8
Bridgend	9	3	1	5	182	185	7
Newport	10	3	0	7	150	259	6
Newbridge	9	3	0	6	137	158	6
Aberavon	10	2	1	7	124	216	5
Pontypool	10	1	0	9	132	391	2
Cross Keys	9	0	0	9	116	274	0

Second division

Llanharan	6	Abertillery	6
Maesteg	24	Glamorgan W	5
Narberth	6	Llandovery	0
Pontarth	11	Ebbw Vale	15
Treorchy	12	Tenby Utd	5

Postponed: South Wales Police v Mountain Ash.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Treorchy	10	10	0	0	212	86	20
Maesteg	10	7	0	3	192	110	14
Tenby Utd	10	7	0	3	177	155	14
Abertillery	10	6	1	3	217	128	13
Ebbw Vale	10	5	1	4	152	122	11
S Wales Police	9	5	0	4	139	133	10
Narberth	10	4	0	6	126	131	8
Llanharan	10	3	2	5	99	154	8
Llandovery	10	4	0	6	110	172	8
Penarth	10	3	0	7	140	198	6
Mountain Ash	9	3	0	6	104	137	6
Glamorgan W	10	0	0	10	109	261	0

Club matches

Bradford and B	28	Mansfield	0
Glasgow Acads	23	Ayr	12
Stewart's Mel	43	Kirkcaldy	3
Currie	10	Dundee HSFP	5
Jed-Forest	3	Melrose	25
Kelso	21	Gala	20
Kilmarnock	8	Edinburgh W	19
Langholm	6	Selkirk	32
Preston Lodge	14	Heriot's FP	51
Watsonians	32	Clarkston	17
London Irish	11	Wasps	19

Cancelled: Metropolitan Police v Old Alleymans

Cardiff left with points to prove

Cardiff 52
Newport 3

BY GERALD DAVIES

CARDIFF'S problem lies in the head. Give them teams in the lower reaches of the first division and Cardiff will happily dispatch them whence they came, with their tails firmly between their legs. And they will do so by scoring bagfuls of tries. Last week they scored 11 against Pontypool. Earlier in the season there were nine against Cross Keys and five more away from home at Newbridge. Westwards, Dunvant and Aberavon each suffered a nine-try blitz.

Against less fortified opposition, not even the weather can hold them back, and in constant rain on Saturday, they pursued their relentless march to score seven more tries against their oldest and keenest adversary, this being the 368th fixture between them.

Cardiff's problem is how can they get to terms with those others who share the upper echelons. If their physical conditioning is right and the intention is there to display a bit of dash in their play and not simply to push and shove their way forwards, Cardiff need to prove that this is not just veneer. Against the bigger boys they need to demonstrate there is a hard core in the centre.

Llanelli, with a depleted side, managed a valuable win at the Arms Park and when Cardiff arrived at the Gnoll, Neath did the business, as they say, with only 14 men. Swansea will arrive next month. This, more than anything, will be a psychological hurdle for Cardiff to overcome.

These are difficult times for Newport, who have suffered through injury so that on Saturday they had a glut of young players in their midst. Of their forwards, Alvis, Atkins, Watkins, Wyatt and Gray were barely in their twenties. They looked good players but in the engine room where they exist, there is no substitute for hard won experience. In the end, they were overwhelmed as they had also to rearrange their forwards, with Atkins eventually ending up in the centre.

Newport did go briefly into the lead with a penalty after nine minutes by Rees. With Davies kicking a couple more and the first try, given to Bevan, as a result of a forward drive from a lineout, the game looked set to be dictated by limitations imposed by the weather.

But with Rayer at full back, nothing can be predicted, such is his relish to run, while Walker on the wing ensures a breathless hush of expectation each time he touches the ball. It was Rayer's marvellous run out of defence that brought Taylor's try, which, with the conversion, gave Cardiff an ample lead at the interval and encouraged some more of the same after the interval, when Davies kicked another penalty to give him 121 points for the season and five more tries followed.



Davies: on target

Walker collected two and looked, when he was stretched fully on both occasions, to have recovered from his hamstring injury which had originally threatened him with a longer absence. He provided the best moment of intuitive and gifted flourish. Returning to collect a kick ahead, and chased by several others, he scooped up the ball in one delightful, seamless movement and without pause ran in an arc to begin a counter attack. Oh, for such instinct from any member of last Wednesday's Welsh team.

SCORERS: Cardiff: Tries: Bevan, Taylor, Walker (2), Ford (2), Williams. Conversions: Davies (4) Penalty goals: Davies (3). Newport: Penalty goal: Rees.

CARDIFF: M Rayer; N Walker, S Hill, C John, S Ford; A Davies, R Howley; A Lewis, H Bevan, P Sedgemore, M Bennett, D Jones, T Rees, O Williams, H Taylor. P Kawulok replaced Bennett, 70mn.

NEWPORT: S McCracken; J Williams, M Yendle, D Hughes, A Lewis, D Rees, D Llewellyn; A Dibble, A Peacock, J Alvis, S Atkins, B Watkins, C Wyatt, D Gray, A Carter M Roderick replaced Lewis, 65. Roderick replaced by I Jones, 72. Carter replaced by R Goodey, 58.

Referee: C Thomas (Neath).

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Grayson chooses bad time for poor display

Winning jockey suffers double vision after earlier fall

Murphy defies pain barrier

By Julian Muscat



ED BYRNE

A determined Graham Bradley drives Royal Athlete up the hill for an impressive Cheltenham victory

DECLAN Murphy expects to be back in action at Leicester today after he so nearly met with disaster riding Bradbury Star to victory in the Mackeson Gold Cup at Cheltenham on Saturday.

The Irish jockey suffered a crashing fall 35 minutes before the big race when his mount, Arcot, travelling strongly behind the leaders, failed to rise at the second-last flight of the Murphy's Handicap Hurdle.

However, he did not feel the full effect of that fall until halfway through the Mackeson. "Suddenly I got a splitting headache that got worse with virtually every stride," Murphy reported yesterday.

"It was my adrenalin that kept me going because the last thing you want to do when you have a headache is to concentrate hard. Believe me, you have to concentrate when you are travelling at 35mph jumping fences."

Murphy was visibly distressed as he returned to unsaddle Bradbury Star and was helped back to the ambulance room where doctors detained him for two hours.

He later emerged, looking pale and drawn, to receive the Mackeson meeting award for the outstanding riding performance from Terry Biddlecombe, the former champion jump jockey.

Murphy, whose protective skull cap was split in half after Arcot's fall, revealed after beating Egypt Mill Prince by seven lengths that he had suffered from double vision.

"I remember most of the race but I saw a lot of strange things out there. I saw two Jamie Osbornes and two Egypt Mill Princes in front of me. I thought I was going to pass out," he said.

But Murphy, feeling a lot better yesterday, insisted he had not been reckless to take the ride. "At no point did I feel it was a dangerous thing to do," he argued. "I was always in control out there, although I felt terrible discomfort."

Had he sustained concussion, Murphy would have been stood down for seven days, but he expects no problems passing the racecourse doctor at Leicester today.

Bradbury Star's victory came at the end of a strongly-run Mackeson on ground rendered soft by overnight rain. The course specialist had won on four of his five chasing visits to Prestbury Park and there was little doubt he would extend that sequence after the second-last fence.

The pace set by Egypt Mill Prince was such that only six among the 15-strong field held winning chances at halfway.

As General Pershing, the eventual third, launched his assault on the downhill run, Adrian Maguire asked Second Schedual for a bold jump three from home when still in contention, only for the horse to slither to a halt on landing.

"Adrian told me he would only have been third although I thought he was going quite well," said Second Schedual's trainer, David Nicholson, who later saddled Baydon Star to another promising victory in the Coventry Novices' Chase over two miles.

At that point, Murphy pushed Bradbury Star into Egypt Mill Prince's slipstream and calmly waited until after the last to draw away decisively.

Josh Gifford, the winning trainer, became the first to both ride and train a Mackeson winner following his effort in the saddle on Charlie Worcester in 1967.

"Bradbury Star loves Cheltenham and I don't think it matters whether he runs over 2½ or three miles," Gifford said yesterday. "He has come out of the race well and we won't run him before the King George at Kempton."

Jenny Pitman declared her hand for the Hennessy a week on Saturday when Royal Athlete made light of 12 stone in the Flowers Original Handicap Chase.

Beautifully ridden by Graham Bradley, Royal Athlete collects no penalty and is a best-priced 10-1 for the Newbury showpiece.

Second Schedual, reported none the worse for his Cheltenham fall yesterday, is also Newbury-bound, but Gordon Richards warned that Whispering Steel, 9-2 favourite with Corals, could miss the race.

Whispering Steel, a best-priced 8-1 with Ladbrokes, has been given 9st 5lb at Newbury and unless Carvill's Hill and Gold Cup winner Jodami are pulled out will be shouldering well above his correct handicap mark.

"I'm not very keen to allow that to happen, but if the weights did go up then he is a likely runner," Richards said. "My jockey [Neale Doughty] would not be able to do 10st and it would be unfair on him to lose the ride. He's done all the spade work on this horse at home."

Corals yesterday reported Champion Hurdle support for the Melbourne Cup winner, Vintage Crop, after his owner, Michael Smurfit, indicated he would like to bring his horse over for the hurdling crown. Vintage Crop is now a 7-1 shot from a point longer.

A memorial service for the former racing correspondent of *The Times*, Michael Seely, who died on August 29, will take place at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, at noon tomorrow.

LEADERS OVER THE JUMPS

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stake
A Maguire	68	45	28	1	+61.80
R Dunwoody	41	52	35	12	-60.51
P Niven	39	25	21	3	+7.66
J Osborne	31	21	20	3	+6.52
N Williamson	31	36	18	19	-34.70
M A Fitzgerald	22	13	16	0	-0.67
G McCourt	20	17	16	0	-23.06
G Bradley	19	6	7	1	+25.74
A Dobbin	15	7	7	1	+12.98
H Davies	15	13	7	1	+24.83

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stake
Mrs M Reveley	38	27	22	2	+8.64
J White	29	16	12	13	-13.87
K Bailey	28	22	17	5	+4.80
M Pipe	23	37	14	3	-7.93
P Hobbs	22	10	17	4	+116.5
O Sherwood	19	11	10	1	+21.49
N Twiston-Davies	17	14	15	2	-31.73
J Johnson	16	6	6	3	+83.25
M Hammond	14	18	9	1	-52.29
G Richards	13	15	8	1	-15.16

Prize incentives needed to arrest decline of chasers

It came as something of a surprise to learn from a British Horseracing Board review group last week that National Hunt racing's urgent priority was to arrest a period of recent decline. For years, the jumping game has projected the image of a growing sport, both in terms of ownership levels and in the number of horses taking part.

This notional view has undoubtedly been prompted by the huge fall-out experienced by Flat racing in the last five years. Many owners deserted the Flat for jumping on account of prohibitive costs, and the fierce competition generated by strings of the wealthy Middle Eastern concerns. Should that initially have been true, it seems the expense of owning jumpers is such that the numbers have dwindled alarmingly.

The changes proposed by the review group principally involve making jump racing more competitive. They are largely technical, based, no doubt, on extremely sound thinking from a race planning department which is impressive in its voracity for in-depth analysis. The few new ideas in the race programming field are also welcome: they seek to redress some glaring anomalies that have existed for too long.

The review group could have taken a more radical line, however, on the subject of encouraging steeplechasing. Realistically, this goal is so difficult to achieve that it is almost beyond reach. For some time, there has been a drain of owners prepared to pay sums approaching six figures for a store horse who will not come into his own — if at all — until he is seven or eight years old.

These are the types of horses which contested the Mackeson Gold Cup on Saturday. The race again made for a thrilling spectacle. Yet these horses are in decline. Only a programme heavily biased in their favour will tempt owners to invest in them, and therefore the future of jump racing.

The protection of an endangered species was probably beyond the scope of the review group, but those with power who have National Hunt racing at heart have considered this dilemma for years without solving it. The fact remains that races over hurdles, particularly those for three-year-olds, are much too valuable. Consequently, few owners will buy a three-year-old store for £50,000 and wait patiently for four years, when he could have bought a horse of a similar age off the Flat, and seen it at its best almost immediately.

The sport has already seen what the effect of an equally startling rise in the value of two-year-old racing has done for the Flat. Initially, it was the stayer who suffered. Now there is a stigma attached to even the very best 12-furlong performers, who are more highly prized by the Japanese than by those who breed and race them in this country.

JULIAN MUSCAT



Racing commentary

There already exists a discernible split within National Hunt racing between horses off the Flat and those bred to mature much later in life. This natural divide should be characterised by considerable differences in race values, with the more precocious animals given a far less equitable share of the prize-money cake. A vastly increased and valuable series of races, confined to horses which had not run on the Flat, would also make for a considerable incentive.

Such a fundamental refinancing package would have the effect of stifling the lucrative market for horses off the Flat. That money would be available for the purchase of store horses which, with increased opportunities, would surely attract the revived enthusiasm of racehorse owners.

Bentley's scores deprive gallant Keighley

Halifax 19
Keighley 10

By Christopher Irvine

STRICKEN by influenza they might have been, but second-division Keighley found sufficient inspiration yesterday to give Halifax a bumpy passage into the third round of rugby league's Regal Trophy.

Three second-half tries, two by the winger, John Bentley, spared the first division side's blushes against opponents whose plea for a postponement having been rejected, operated so efficiently on a potent mixture of adrenalin and cold cures that they led 6-3 at half-time, when Halifax wore a sickly palor.

When they did eventually pull themselves together, the home side was still frustrated for long periods by the tenacity of Keighley's tackling and its own inability to accept easy chances. Before his tries, Bentley was as much villain as hero during an uncomfortable afternoon.

Keighley, second in the lower division, were accompanied by a travelling army of supporters who raised enough of a din to make Thrum Hall sound like home.

Halifax fumbled their way through the opening half as the visiting props, Grima and Hill, made sizable inroads and Wasyliw and Milner flew down the flanks.

Jason Ramshaw, the hooker, stole in from acting half back for a try on 21 minutes that left his former colleagues loundering. Wasyliw was successful with the extra points but one of the most dependable boots in the game let Keighley down on three other occasions.

Silly offences, such as lying down on opponents in the tackle, also cost Keighley dear as Bishop slotted two penalties to add to a conversion and dropped goal. Austin's try kept Keighley in contention until Bentley's second touchdown, two minutes from time, was greeted with undisguised relief.

SCORERS: Halifax: Tries: Bentley (2), Hallas. Goals: Bishop (3). Dropped goal: Bishop. Keighley: Tries: Ramshaw, Austin. Goal: Wasyliw.

HALIFAX: S Lay, J Bentley, J Schuster, G Hallas, M Preston; M Hagan, P Bishop, D Boyd, R Southernwood, G Lord, M Jackson, L Harland (sub: J Fieldhouse, 70min), G Dworty.

KEIGHLEY: W Race (sub: J Walker, 73), J Wasyliw, N Pinkney, G Austin, M Milner; K Dixon, D Appleby (sub: Farrell, 76); B Hill, J Ramshaw, J Grima (sub: S Hall, 35), I Gateley, C Farrell (sub: Grima, 66), M Wood.

Referee: I Ollerton.

Crusaders lead way in Trophy shocks

By Christopher Irvine

DAVIDS slayed three Goliaths to enter the third-round draw for the Regal Trophy, which will be made today. At opposite ends of the country yesterday, London Crusaders and Carlisle, of the Stones Bitter Championship second division, pulled off the most convincing defeats of first-division opposition, eliminating Featherstone Rovers 26-12 and Wakefield Trinity 28-12 respectively.

Sheffield Eagles came down with a bump at Batley. Two tries by Glen Tomlinson squeezed out an 8-6 victory. A fourth shock was averted by Leigh, the first-division bottom club, who fought off a spirited challenge by Huddersfield by 20-12.

Wigan, the holders, were not entirely comfortable in winning 22-8 at Whitehaven, and Bradford Northern laboured before earning a 28-8 victory at Barrow.

"Life goes on," Paul Fletcher, the Leeds assistant coach, said, after a 21-12 defeat by Salford. How much life Doug Laughton, the manager, has left at Headingley is the pressing question now. Flu prevented him witnessing at first hand his side being laid low on Saturday for a second time by Salford, with tries by Mark Lee (2), Jason Critchley and Paul Forber.

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THUNDERER

12.45 Naval Battle. 1.15 Gamefull Gold. 1.45 Doualago. 2.15 Tort. 2.45 What's In Orbit. 3.15 Royal Derbi. 3.45 DARK HONEY (nap)

GOING: SOFT (CHASE COURSE); HEAVY (HURDLES) SIS

12.45 STOUGHTON NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£1,949: 2m) (10 runners)

1 00P- GRIFFINS BAR 279 (M Smith) Mrs P Sly 5-10-10 — A Carroll –
2 IN FOR A POUND (Mrs C Van Straubenzee) J Fanshawe 4-10-10 — S Smith Eccles –
3 1300- MR PICKPOCKET 205 (S) (J Holmes) J Akehurst 5-10-10 — L Harvey –
4 240- MR WOODLARK 243 (P Tylor) R Frost 6-10-10 — J Frost –
5 150-4 NAVAL BATTLE 11 (S) (P Deal) J King 6-10-10 — M A Fitzgerald –
6 P0 THAT'S SPECIAL 18 (J Gilbert) W Musson 4-10-10 — A Maguire –
7 2- THE CHANGELING 264 (D Clark) G Bravery 4-10-10 — R J Beggan –
8 3- TWO JOHN'S 261 (P Barber) P Nicholls 4-10-10 — G Bradley –
9 064P/ UNEXIS 983 (D Mullen) S Mellor 8-10-10 — M Perrett –
10 0U/ MISS MONZA 569 (J Fenwick) Mrs D Haine 5-10-5 — D Bridgwater –

BETTING: 13-8 Two John's, 3-1 In For A Pound, 5-1 Naval Battle, 6-1 The Changeling, 8-1 Mr Pickpocket, 12-1 Mr Woodlark, 14-1 That's Special, 25-1 Unexis, 50-1 Griffins Bar, Miss Monza.

1992: MEETING ABANDONED — COURSE WATERLOGGED

FORM FOCUS

MR PICKPOCKET best effort last season when beating Rose King 5l in a National Hunt Flat Race at Towcester (2m, heavy). MR WOODLARK best effort when 2l 2nd of 18 to Poulstone in a National Hunt Flat Race at Exeter (2m 2f, soft). NAVAL BATTLE finished 11¾l 4th of 12 to My Swan Song in a National Hunt Race at Uttoxeter (1m 4f, good). THAT'S SPECIAL was over 30l 7th of 15 to Bell Staffboy in a novice hurdle at Stratford (2m 110yd, good to firm). THE CHANGELING was 12l 2nd of 9 to Niyaka in a National Hunt Flat Race at Southwell (AW, 2m). TWO JOHN'S was a 7¼l 3rd of 22 to Rutland Gate in a National Hunt Flat Race at Kempton (2m, good to firm), with MR WOODLARK (10lb better off) 2l 4th.
IN FOR A POUND is by Trojan Fort out of a mare who was placed in a National Hunt Flat race.
No selection

1.15 DESBOROUGH MARES ONLY NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,856: 2m 4f 110yds) (11 runners)

1 334242- RUSSINSKY 178 (Mrs E Clark) G Bravery 6-11-10 — R J Beggan 88
2 2P-0254 PRUDENT PEGGY 11 (Mrs J McCormack) R Frost 6-11-8 — J Frost 88
3 104 GAMEFULL GOLD 3 (D,G) (G Brown) S Dow 4-11-7 — A Dicken (5) 90
4 232U-00 MISS SOUTER 19 (O Jones) H Howe 4-11-6 — Guy Lewis (7) 90
5 3344-01 KYTTON CASTLE 12 (G) (Joint Partners) R Dickin 6-11-6 — D Meredith (3) 90
6 0-0 P03 POLLY MINOR 27 (The Witch Racing Club) G Enright 6-11-4 — M Perrett –
7 0 0443P- OH SO WINDY 217 (Mrs A King) Mrs A King 6-11-1 — R Dunwoody 90
8 0 P-053 KICKING BIRD 25 (Mrs D Claessen-Brierton) K Bailey 6-11-1 — S McNeill 95
9 3/006-P COUNTRY MISTRESS 32 (Count K Goess-Saurau) J Old 6-11-0 — T Grantham 80
10 P-42 ABSOLUTELY FOXED 11 (G Chipman) B McMahon 4-10-10 — T Wall 93
11 2200/50- MILLIE 14F (S Robinson) J Mooney 5-10-5 — M Robinson –

BETTING: 2-1 Kytton Castle, 5-2 Kicking Bird, 11-2 Gamefull Gold, 8-1 Russinsky, Prudent Peggy, 10-1 Absolutely Foxed, 16-1 Oh So Windy, 25-1 Miss Souter, Polly Minor, 33-1 Country Mistress, Millie.

FORM FOCUS

RUSSINSKY 15l 2nd of 14 to Alternation in a conditional jockeys novices handicap hurdle at Stratford (2m 6f 110yd, good). GAMEFULL GOLD was a 4½l 4th of 12 to Alfa in a novice hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good). Best effort when beating Nazzaro 4l in a novice hurdle at Plumpton (2m 4f good). KYTTON CASTLE beat Quick Silver Boy 7l in a 7-runner novices handicap hurdle at Haydock (2m, good). OH SO WINDY was 8½l 3rd of 10 to Dennington in a novices handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 5f 110yd, good) on penultimate start. Subsequently pulled up two from home in race won by Book Of Runes at Hereford (2m 3f 110yd, heavy). KICKING BIRD was 15¾l 3rd of 16 to Anna Valley in a mares only novice hurdle at Wincanton (2m 6f, good to firm).
ABSOLUTELY FOXED was a 1½l 2nd of 17 to Daringly in a selling hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, good)
Selection: KICKING BIRD

1.45 JUNIOR SELLING HURDLE (£1,980: 2m) (12 runners)

1 050-P ALIF 23 (B) (T Thaker) W Clay 4-11-9 — Diana Clay 95
2 565-035 DANCING DANCER 11 (AEC Electric Ltd) R Frost 4-11-4 — J Frost 87
3 21-12 DOUALAGO 41 (G,S) (Martin Pipe Racing Club) M Pipe 3-10-12 — A Maguire 83
4 4 AL FORUM 10 (M Hickey) R Ingram 3-10-7 — Mr J L Llewellyn (7) 96
5 32 CREAGMHOR 39 (C Simpson) B Llewellyn 3-10-7 — S Keightley 94
6 0253 DOCTOR-J 14F (J Morris) M Heaton-Ellis 3-10-7 — M A Fitzgerald –
7 P LARKSPUR LEGEND 51 (Miss J East) J Mackie 3-10-7 — N Mann –
8 54 MY BALLYBOY 37 (A Bailey) A Bailey 3-10-7 — S Wynne (3) –
9 SHARE A MOMENT 58F (Miss J Southall) R Hollinshead 3-10-7 — T Eley (5) 98
10 51341P SUMMER FLOWER 12 (B,D,F,G) (Target Racing) A Forbes 3-10-7 — L Harvey –
11 DAJAM 28F (M Burbidge) J King 3-10-2 — R J Beggan –
12 0 MAJOR TRIUMPH 17F (B Wen) G Bravery 3-10-2 — –

BETTING: 7-4 Doualago, 9-2 My Ballyboy, 5-1 Major Triumph, 7-1 Creagmhor, 8-1 Dancing Dancer, Summer Flower, 10-1 Share A Moment, 12-1 Al Forum, 14-1 Alif, Doctor-J, 33-1 Larkspur Legend, Dajam.

FORM FOCUS

DANCING DANCER 10¾l 5th of 17 to Daringly in a selling hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, good). DOUALAGO 2l 3rd of 12 to Milcade in a claiming hurdle at Auteuil (1m 7f, heavy). AL FORUM 17l 4th of 13 to Reggeny in a selling hurdle at Hereford (2m, good to soft). CREAGMHOR 5l 2nd of 11 to Miss Michelle in a claiming hurdle at Wincanton (2m, good) DOCTOR-J was a 4¾l 5th of 15 to Southampton in a selling hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good to firm) on penultimate start. Subsequently was a 25l 3rd to Homemaker in a claiming hurdle at Ludlow (2m, good). MY BALLYBOY was 3¾l 4th of 12 to Wordsmith in a novice hurdle at Bangor (2m 1f, soft). SUMMER FLOWER beat Najeb 6l in a selling hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 1f 110yd, good) on penultimate start. Subsequently pulled up three from home in novice handicap hurdle won by Frank Rich at Uttoxeter (2m good to firm).
Selection: CREAGMHOR

2.15 MIDLAND HANDICAP CHASE (£2,978: 3m) (4 runners)

1 FPP15-3 CATCH THE CROSS 12 (V,C,D,F,G,S) (D Beswick) M Pipe 7-12-0 — M Foster 94
2 PUP30-1 TORT 40 (C,G,S) (R Peters) P Dalton 9-11-0 — W Marston (3) 99
3 5P3/141- JIMSTRO 348 (D,G,S) (K Clutterbuck) K Clutterbuck 8-10-4 — M Ahern 92
4 P0P-4F6 VIVA BELLA 21 (B,S) (L Froomes) Mrs S Bramall 6-10-0 — Mr D Parker (7) –

Long handicap: Viva Bella 9-9.

BETTING: 11-10 Tort, 7-4 Catch The Cross, 4-1 Jimstro, 10-1 Viva Bella.

FORM FOCUS

CATCH THE CROSS 12¾l 3rd to Comeragh in handicap chase at Uttoxeter (2m 5f, good). TORT beat Knight Oil 1½l in handicap chase at Towcester (3m 1f, soft). JIMSTRO beat Sound Of Jura 7l in novice chase at Huntingdon (3m, soft). VIVA BELLA 24l 6th to Sandybraes in a handicap chase at Southwell (3m 110yd, good to soft). Best effort last season when beating Clonroche Driller 4l in novice chase at Carlisle (2m 4f 110yd, heavy).
Selection: TORT

2.45 LEICESTER NOVICES CHASE (£2,266: 2m 1f) (4 runners)

1 3FPP61- THE FLYING FOOTMAN 199 (G) (Mrs J West) D Nicholson 7-10-12 — A Maguire 76
2 4/FP333- TINA'S MISSILE 219 (Four Mights Partners) R Lee 6-10-12 — R Greene –
3 /133-04 TITUS GOLD 11 (B,S) (A Dickinson) W Clay 8-10-12 — M A Fitzgerald 84
4 0/2F22-2 WHAT'S IN ORBIT 24 (G) (P Barber) P Nicholls 8-10-12 — G Bradley 99

BETTING: 4-6 What's In Orbit, 4-1 Titus Gold, 9-2 The Flying Footman, 8-1 Tina's Missile.

FORM FOCUS

THE FLYING FOOTMAN beat Leeswood 8l in a 10-runner handicap hurdle at Bangor (2m 1f, good). TINA'S MISSILE 17l 3rd of 13 to Cariboo Gold in a maiden hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, good to soft). TITUS GOLD 11l 4th of 11 to Boll Weevil in a handicap chase at Uttoxeter (2m 4f, good). WHAT'S IN ORBIT was a 10l 2nd of 11 to Amtrak Express in a novice chase at Newbury (2m 1f, good).
Selection: WHAT'S IN ORBIT (nap)

3.15 THORPE SATCHVILLE HURDLE (£4,191: 2m) (6 runners)

1 10425-2 ROYAL DERBI 30 (D,BF,F,G,S) (M Tabor) N Callaghan 8-11-12 — A Maguire 99
2 1114/12- SIMPSON 222 (C,D,F,G,S) (M Jarvis) J Old 8-11-7 — T Grantham 82
3 214-143 CULTURED 9 (D,BF,G,S) (B Whitehorn) J White 4-11-3 — D Murphy 82
4 11110-4 BEAUCHAMP GRACE 9 (D,S) (Mrs S Bramall) Mrs S Bramall 4-10-12 — R Dunwoody 82
5 PP000-P DEEP IN GREEK 9 (R Mathews) D Williams 7-10-12 — M A Fitzgerald –
6 1146- KIVETON TYCOON 23F (D,G,S) (K H Ltd) J Glover 4-10-8 — M Dwyer 83

BETTING: 4-5 Royal Derbi, 5-2 Cultured, 13-2 Kiveton Tycoon, 10-1 Beauchamp Grace, 12-1 Simpson, 200-1 Deep In Greek.

FORM FOCUS

ROYAL DERBI 2¾l 2nd of 5 to Land Afar in a conditions hurdle at Kempton (2m, good), with CULTURED (3lb better off) 1¾l 4th. Best effort last season when 1l 2nd of 18 to Granville Again in the grade I Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, good to firm). SIMPSON 4l 2nd of 9 to Sweet Duke in a handicap hurdle at Ascot (3m, heavy). CULTURED 4l 3rd of 4 to Athar in a handicap hurdle at Chepstow (2m 110yd, good). BEAUCHAMP GRACE 15¾l 4th of 8 to Batabanoo in a handicap hurdle at Newcastle (2m 110yd, good). KIVETON TYCOON 9l 6th of 25 to Shawiya in the grade 1 Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, good to firm), with BEAUCHAMP GRACE (9lb worse off) 10¾l 17th.
Selection: ROYAL DERBI

3.45 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,236: 2m 4f 110yds) (6 runners)

1 100124- SUPER RITCHART 29F (C,G,S) (Gradon) B Palling 5-11-10 — R Dunwoody 90
2 F1132/6 DARK HONEY 27 (C,G) (R Sayer) S Dow 8-11-2 — A Dicken (5) –
3 P6/1/F2- MR FLUTTS 168 (D,F) (J Tuck) J Tuck 7-11-0 — S McNeill 93
4 U1P-254 SECRET SUMMIT 16 (F,G,S) (Beamhurst Racing) A Forbes 7-10-11 — T Eley (5) 99
5 00/1P-11 ARRAN VIEW 44 (D,G,S) (B Llewellyn) B Llewellyn 7-10-8 — Mr J L Llewellyn (7) 93
6 P5304P- AUTONOMOUS 163 (F) (Mrs M Gibbs) K Bridgwater 8-10-0 — D Bridgwater 97

BETTING: 2-1 Arran View, 3-1 Dark Honey, 4-1 Mr Flutts, 9-2 Super Ritchart, 8-1 Secret Summit, 12-1 Autonomous.

FORM FOCUS

SUPER RITCHART 5l 4th of 7 to Gymcrak Stardom in a handicap hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, good). DARK HONEY 25l 6th of 13 to Canoscan in a handicap hurdle at Plumpton (2m 4f, good). Earlier 2l 2nd of 7 to Yellow Spring in a handicap hurdle at Sandown (2m 5f, good). MR FLUTTS 6l 2nd of 6 to The Black Monk in a handicap hurdle at Hereford (2m 1f 110yd, good). SECRET SUMMIT 7l 4th of 11 to Smith Too in a handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, good to firm). ARRAN VIEW beat Amphigory 3½l in a 6-runner amateur riders handicap hurdle at Chepstow (2m 110yd, good). AUTONOMOUS 14l 4th of 15 to Ask The Governor in a handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, good to firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: AUTONOMOUS

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
B Palling	3	7	42.9	M Dwyer	5	16	31.3
M Pipe	25	66	37.9	S Smith Eccles	12	46	26.1
J Mackie	6	20	30.0	R Dunwoody	9	57	15.8
J Old	4	22	18.2	M Perrett	3	24	12.5
R Lee	6	39	15.4	D Murphy	3	25	12.0
S Mellor	5	37	13.5	Only qualifiers			

Knifebox strikes in Rome

KNIFEBOX, trained by John Gosden and ridden by Pat Eddery, revelled in the heavy going to land the group one Premio Roma at the Capannelle, Rome, yesterday. British challengers filled the first four places with Knifebox followed home by Alhijaz, Port Lucaya and Right Win. The remaining British runners — Wootton River, Captain Horatius and Frenchpark — were sixth, eighth and last respectively of the nine runners.

□ The Fellow was only third to Al Capone II in the Prix la Haye Jousselin at Auteuil yesterday but remains on course for the King George VI Chase at Kempton on Boxing Day.

PLUMPTON

THUNDERER

1.00 Kalanski. 1.30 Roger's Pal. 2.00 Fred Splendid. 2.30 Doctoor. 3.00 Glenshane Lad. 3.30 Scobie Boy.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 DOCTOOR.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) SIS

1.00 JOLLY TANNERS AT STAPLEFIELD NOVICES CHASE (£1,931: 2m) (4 runners)

1 0-12 KALANSKI 32 (CD,BF,G,S) C Egerton 7-11-10 — J Osborne
2 -020 JOKER JACK 18 (F,S) R Dean 8-11-5 — A Procter (5)
3 000- TINKER DAN 219 P Jones 5-11-5 — W McFarland
4 6000 L'ENCHERE 14 (F,G) P McEntee 8-11-0 — G Crone (7)

1-2 Kalanski, 11-4 Joker Jack, 12-1 L'Enchere, 16-1 Tinker Dan.

1.30 STANMER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,572: 2m 1f) (5)

1 5-53 ROGER'S PAL 42 (CD,G) A Moore 6-11-10 — J Clarke (3)
2 20-2 MECADO 27 (G,S) F Yardley 6-11-9 — M Hourigan
3 /04/6 SLICK CHERRY 27 (G) K Cunningham-Brown 6-11-5 — D O'Sullivan
4 36-0 GREAT IMPOSTOR 20 (B) R Hodges 5-11-3 — T Thompson (3)
5 1-54 TRENDY AUCTIONEER 56 (V,CD,F,G) Mrs L Jewell 5-11-1 — R Davis

9-4 Trendy Auctioneer, 5-2 Mecado, 3-1 Roger's Pal, 4-1 Great Impostor, 12-1 Slick Cherry.

2.00 GEORGE RIPLEY MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY (Handicap chase: £2,175: 2m) (4)

1 P611- BRIGGS BUILDERS 265 (CD,F,G,S) P Ritchens 9-11-10 — Richard Guest
2 5224 KISU KALI 6 (D,F,G,S) J Ffitch-Heyes 6-11-1 — N Williamson
3 4-F4 FRED SPLENDID 5 (CD,S) R Hodges 10-10-11 — W Irvine
4 52P3 COTAPAXI 14 (D,F) R Hodges 8-10-2 — A Tory

2-1 Kisu Kali, 5-2 Briggs Builders, 11-4 Fred Splendid, 7-2 Cotapaxi.

2.30 NOVEMBER NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,475: 2m 1f) (11)

1 ANLAFFED J Akehurst 10-10 — N Williamson
2 5 BAYRAK 32 (B,BF) C Egerton 10-10 — J Osborne
3 CATEMPO 191F S Dow 10-10 — H Davies
4 64 DO BE WARE 35 J Ffitch-Heyes 10-10 — A Thornton (3)
5 2 DOCTOOR 9 R O'Sullivan 10-10 — D O'Sullivan
6 JULIASDARKINVADER 11F (B) A Moore 10-10 — J Clarke (7)
7 0 SHADES OF CROFT 16 (B) Lady Herries 10-10 — E Murphy
8 VINEY 100F C Weedon 10-10 — Peter Hobbs
9 YARDLEY COURT 515F J Pawert 10-10 — Mr M J Jones (7)
10 0 LADY RELKO 13 R Voorspuy 10-5 — A Tory
11 OVERNIGHT SUCCESS 55F M Madgwick 10-5 — B Clifford

5-4 Doctoor, 7-4 Bayrak, 8-1 Catempo, 12-1 Do Be Ware, Viney, 14-1 Juliasdarkinvader, 16-1 Lady Relko, 20-1 others.

3.00 HAYWARDS HEATH UNITED SERVICES CLUB HANDICAP CHASE (£2,343: 3m 1f 110yd) (8)

1 F4-4 HOMME D'AFFAIRE 14 (F,G,S) R O'Sullivan 10-11-10 — D O'Sullivan
2 1342 GLENSHANE LAD 11 (F,G,S) K Bailey 7-11-9 — N Williamson
3 321- EXTRA GRAND 168 (G) O Sherwood 7-11-8 — J Osborne
4 13P- SHASTON 240 (B,CD,F,G,S) W G M Turner 8-11-8 — P Holley
5 -11P STAR OF OUGHTERARD 51 (B,CD,F) T McGovern 8-11-6 — W McFarland
6 2PF- HEYFLEET 219 (B,C,F,S) Mrs J Pitman 10-11-4 — I Lawrence
7 PP6- SECRET RITE 209 (B,S) C Weedon 10-10-8 — Peter Hobbs
8 P6-3 PURBECK DOVE 27 (G) R Alner 8-10-8 — S Earle

5-2 Glenshane Lad, 4-1 Star Of Oughterard, 9-2 Purbeck Dove, 6-1 Extra Grand, 7-1 Shaston, 10-1 Heyfleet, 12-1 Secret Rite, 14-1 Homme D'Affaire.

3.30 JEVINGTON NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£1,475: 2m 4f) (8)

1 00-1 SCOBIE BOY 11 (G,S) C Egerton 5-11-6 — J Osborne
2 0052 ARCTIC LIFE 27 J Jenkins 4-11-0 — Mr P Graffin
3 26-2 NAZZARO 27 W G M Turner 4-11-0 — R Darke (7)
4 0-46 THE MINE CAPTAIN 32 (G) F O'Mahony 6-11-0 — E Murphy
5 08-3 THE WHIP 27 D Grissell 6-11-0 — Peter Hobbs
6 COUNTRY STYLE R Alner 4-10-9 — S Earle
7 CURLY SULLIVAN R Akehurst 5-10-9 — S Ryan (7)
8 03 MAKING TIME 14 G Humphrey 6-10-9 — A Tory

9-4 Scobie Boy, 11-4 Arctic Life, 5-1 Nazzaro, 6-1 The Whip, 7-1 Making Time, 10-1 The Mine Captain, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Egerton, 6 winners from 11 runners, 54.5%; Lady Herries, 7 from 13, 53.8%; R Akehurst, 15 from 46, 32.6%; Mrs J Pitman, 10 from 33, 30.3%; P Jones, 6 from 21, 28.6%; S Dow, 7 from 33, 21.2%.

JOCKEYS: N Williamson, 6 winners from 18 rides, 33.3%; E Murphy, 4 from 17, 23.5%; W McFarland, 6 from 26, 23.1%; H Davies, 18 from 96, 18.8%; D Skyrme, 9 from 55, 16.4%; B Clifford, 5 from 31, 16.1%; J Osborne, 5 from 32, 15.6%.

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S FIVE MEETINGS

Cheltenham

Going: soft

12.50 (3m 3f 110yd ch) 1, Royal Athlete (G Bradley, 11-1); 2, Whats The Crack (12-1); 3, Dakyns Boy (9-2 jt-fav). Springaleak 9-2 jt-fav. 8 ran. NR: Far Senior. 3l, 3½l. Mrs J Pitman. Tote: £18.30; £3.70, £2.00, £1.80. DF: £54.00. Trio: £98.50. CSF: £109.49. Tricast: £573.78.

1.25 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Leotard (J Osborne, 3-1; Richard Evans's nap); 2, Naher (15-2); 3, Jeassu (15-2). Arcot 2-1 fav. 7 ran. 5l, hd. O Sherwood. Tote: £2.80; £1.90, £3.90. DF: £8.40. CSF: £21.82.

2.00 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Bradbury Star (D Murphy, 13-2); 2, Egypt Mill Prince (9-1); 3, General Pershing (11-2 fav). 15 ran. NR: Panto Prince. 7l, 4l. J Gifford. Tote: £7.30; £3.00, £2.50, £2.90. DF: £29.90. Trio: £57.20. CSF: £56.44. Tricast: £311.39.

2.35 (3m 2f hdle) 1, Sillars Stalker (W Marston, 13-8 fav); 2, Newton Point (9-1); 3, Burgoyne (9-4). 6 ran. NR: Balasani. 6l, dist. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £2.20; £1.60, £2.20. DF: £9.00. CSF: £13.60.

3.10 (2m ch) 1, Baydon Star (A Maguire, 4-6 fav); 2, Ghia Gneuiagh (11-4); 3, Country Lad (10-1). 4 ran. 8l, 7l. D Nicholson. Tote: £1.60. DF: £1.70. CSF: £2.81.

3.45 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Spring Marathon (P Holley, 9-2); 2, Wings Cove (13-8 fav); 3, Love You Madly (10-1). 9 ran. NR: Boltrose. 2¼l, 5l. Mrs P Duffield. Tote: £6.30; £1.60, £1.40, £1.90. DF: £5.60. Trio: £18.20. CSF: £11.84.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £8,151.51 carried forward to Haydock Park on Wednesday). Placepot: £64.40.

Ayr

12.40 1, Red Marauder (11-10 fav); 2, Principal Player (9-4); 3, Devilry (5-1). 8 ran.

1.10 1, Classic Contact (5-4 fav); 2, River Pearl (7-2); 3, Caithness Prince (50-1). 10 ran. NR: Lothian Pilot.

1.40 1, Trump (9-1); 2, Only A Rose (5-2 jt-fav); 3, Willie Sparkle (5-2 jt-fav). 6 ran.

2.10 1, Whispering Steel (6-4 fav); 2, Kushbaloo (11-2); 3, Ross Venture (9-4). 5 ran.

2.40 1, Wee Wizard (4-1); 2, Home Counties (9-2); 3, All Welcome (11-2). Persuasive 9-4 fav. 7 ran.

3.10 1, On The Hooch (11-1); 2, Deep Dawn (9-2); 3, Mountebor (12-1). Mutual Trust 5-2 fav. 12 ran.

3.40 1, The Grey Monk (5-1 jt-fav); 2, Dominie (5-1 jt-fav); 3, Glandalane Lady (25-1). Caribbean Surfer 5-1 jt-fav. 18 ran.

Lingfield Park

12.20 1, Beverly Knight (9-2); 2, Able Choice (7-2); 3, Tribeca (5-4 fav). 14 ran.

12.50 1, Maid Welcome (9-2); 2, Zeboim (8-1); 3, Persian Gusher (3-1). Finjan 9-4 fav. 13 ran. NR: Jim Cantle.

1.20 1, Sense Of Priority (4-1); 2, Respectable Jones (9-4 fav); 3, Mr Cube (7-1). 13 ran. NR: Metal Boys.

1.50 1, Little Ibnr (4-1); 2, Bet A Plan (5-2 fav); 3, Mr Moriarty (33-1). 15 ran. NR: Classical.

2.25 1, Caspian Beluga (10-1); 2, Telephus (12-1); 3, Young Fact (4-1); 4, Cretoes Dancer (16-1). Milngavie 100-30 fav. 16 ran.

2.55 1, Blanchland (16-1); 2, Our Eddie (8-1). 3, Canovas Heart (33-1). Dark Den 2-5 fav. 14 ran.

3.25 1, Fawlty Towers (6-1); 2, Benfleet (100-30); 3, Make A Note (6-4 fav) 11 ran.

3.55 1, Serious Hurry (7-1); 2, Comet Whirlpool (13-2); 3, Educated Pet (11-4 fav). 10 ran.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: TITUS GOLD
(2.45 Leicester)
Next best: Two John's
(12.45 Leicester)

Nottingham

12.45 1, Kalko (11-4; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Port In A Storm (6-1); 3, La Poseda (10-1). Swiss Mountain 9-4 fav. 11 ran. NR: Mister Blake.

1.15 1, Puritan (Evens fav); 2, Hunmanby Gap (7-1); 3, Astrabee (12-1). 11 ran. NR: Kanndabil.

1.45 1, Father Fortune (5-1 jt-fav); 2, Safari Park (5-1 jt-fav); 3, Princethorpe (16-1). Rustic Flight 5-1 jt-fav. 11 ran.

2.20 1, Front Street (10-11 fav); 2, Arany (2-1); 3, Alosaili (13-2). 5 ran.

2.50 1, Native Mission (Evens jt-fav); 2, Rodeo Star (Evens jt-fav); 3, Tol Marina (50-1). 5 ran.

3.20 1, Ard T'Match (100-30); 2, Mander's Way (9-4); 3, Jimmy O'Dea (14-1). Dragons Den 7-4 fav. 6 ran.

3.50 1, Hyde's Happy Hour (11-4 fav); 2, Heathyards Boy (6-1); 3, Wamdha (8-1). 10 ran. NR: Portway Princess.

Windsor

1.05 1, Bajan Affair (20-1); 2, Chiappucci (5-2 fav); 3, Lochore (8-1). 21 ran.

1.40 1, Easy Buck (11-4); 2, San Lorenzo (11-10 fav); 3, Chapel Hill (9-1). 14 ran. NR: Bustling Around.

2.10 1, Under Offer (7-2); 2, Channels Gate (4-11 fav); 3, Stepfaster (9-2). 3 ran. NR: Solidasarock.

2.45 1, Beyond Our Reach (5-2); 2, Forest Feather (10-1); 3, Urban Cowboy (5-2). Sherwood Boy 7-4 fav. 11 ran. NR: Bishops Truth.

3.15 1, Hillwalk (5-2); 2, Unholy Alliance (11-4); 3, Bathwick Bobbie (11-1). Congregation 2-1 fav. 11 ran. NR: Hops And Pops.

3.45 1, Easthorpe (7-2 jt-fav); 2, Soleil Dancer (5-1); 3, Va Utu (5-1). Wheeler's Wonder 7-2 jt-fav. 10 ran. NR: Victory Anthem.

□ Norman Williamson was referred to the Jockey Club for his use of the whip on Chiappucci at Windsor on Saturday.

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Scots given little choice as Brown stakes claim for lead role



Brown: hopeful

Scotland head for Malta today to complete their World Cup qualifying schedule in the knowledge that they cannot reach the finals. The outcome, however, may have a bearing on who will manage them in their bid to qualify for the European championship finals in England in 1996, or the World Cup finals in France two years later.

The international committee of the Scottish Football Association (SFA) will meet tomorrow to consider a report by Craig Brown, Scotland's interim manager, on the team's previous game, against Italy in Rome, and it will convene again on Wednesday to discuss the vacant managerial position.

The committee is not obliged to reach a decision on Wednesday or even, as the association's chief executive, Jim Farry, points out, this week or this month. But if Brown is not confirmed in the position by Thursday, then the association is either putting off the inevitable, or is operating under the delusion that there are plausible options to hand.

Brown does not have the unanimous approval of the seven-man committee, two of whom believe his credentials would not qualify him for more than a mid-table managerial job in the Scottish premier division. Ian Donald, vice-chairman of Aberdeen, said last month that Brown would not be considered a possible Rangers manager should Walter Smith suddenly remove himself from the Ibrox equation.

What Donald left unspoken was the assumption that should Rangers require a manager, they would try to recruit the best in the business; if Brown does not fall into that category, then why should Scotland be prepared to settle for second best, thereby devaluing the job of national manager? It is a proposition which can be extended easily; who would suggest that Brown would be a contender to replace Kenny Dalglish, Alex Ferguson, George Graham or Graeme Souness should any of these vacate their club jobs?

The argument cuts both ways, however. There is no evidence to indicate that Smith, or the Scottish quartet in England, could be lured to Park Gardens even supposing the SFA chose to look in their direction. Nor has there been a tendency for top Scottish club managers to yearn for the national job.

Tommy Docherty established the order of priorities when he abandoned Scotland after a dozen games to become manager of Manchester United in 1973. Jock Stein was appointed (from Leeds United) when the greatest years of his Celtic ascendancy were well behind him, and Alex Ferguson was never tempted to remain part of the Scotland hierarchy when he temporarily combined the national post with his duties as Aberdeen manager at Pittodrie between 1985 and 1986.

Scrutiny of the ten previous incumbents (including temporary appointments) from Andy Beattie to Andy Roxburgh yields few clues to the make-up of a successful Scotland manager. The achievements of Jock Stein at Celtic remain unsurpassed, but his Scotland record is mirrored by that of Andy Roxburgh, whose club experience consisted of coaching at Clydebank.

Willie Ormond, quiet and unassuming and with a *laissez-faire* attitude to discipline which finally undid him with the SFA, guided the Scots to their best performance in a World Cup finals, in West Germany in 1974. His successor, Ally McLeod, conducted his fellow countrymen on a grand tour of their delusions, but his record until the shambles in Argentina, in 1978, was actually rather good.

If there is a conclusion to be drawn from the history of Scottish managers, it is that sprinters like Docherty are likely to be more successful on paper, simply because the record of any lengthy tenure only tends to confirm Scotland's position as an average international performer. In such circumstances, a shrewd organiser is the best bet, which brings us back to Brown.

He has already asserted his authority by dropping Paul McStay against Italy. It was a logical decision, given McStay's indifferent club form, but one that Roxburgh would not have taken.

Brown will not ask for the Scotland job, but he wants it and expects to get it. There is perhaps only one serious obstacle in his way and it consists of the opposition on Wednesday.

Most Scotland managers fear being beaten by footballing minnows and Brown's case would be diminished if the novelty of his fresh face should be disfigured by the scar of defeat by Malta.

RODDY FORSYTH



Scottish commentary

Jordan has good cause to savour inheritance

Stoke City..... 1
Leicester City 0

BY KEITH PIKE

A FIRST-RATE ground, passionate supporters, and a team after his own heart: Joe Jordan discovered yesterday the size of his inheritance in the Potteries, and it was enough to make the Scotman's eyes light up. Stoke City may be a touch too dependent on the long ball for some tastes, a mite too physical for others, but what they lack in sophistication, they more than make up in commitment and energy.

They are in form, too. Jordan's opening Endsleigh Insurance League first division game as manager at the Victoria Ground saw Stoke register their fourth successive League win, and move up to sixth place in the table.

Jordan, naturally enough, was delighted with the result, a victory set up by Nigel Gleghorn's goal just before half time and secured by a quite wonderful save at the death by Mark Prudhoe, the Stoke goalkeeper. "I think the players have conducted themselves very well in trying circumstances," Jordan said. "Their professionalism has impressed me, and I could not have asked more of them."

Jordan had seen no reason to alter the tactics employed by Chic Bates in the three matches in which he was in charge before deciding to follow Lou Macari to Celtic of three central defenders, five strung across the middle, and two powerful runners upfront and as long as they continue to look so comfortable with the system, he will not need to tinker.

"Stoke only came up last season, so our priority has to be consolidation, not promotion. But we will assess the situation match by match," Jordan said. Some of the £1.5m from the sale last month of Mark Stein to Chelsea is available to spend, he said, but Stoke's present form means there is no need for panic buying.

Leicester, who led the table on Friday and needed a victory to displace Charlton at the top, had lost only two of their previous 18 League matches against Stoke. Cranson's header from Orlygsson's cross, easily gathered by Ward, and a run by Foley which Grayson halted with a superbly timed tackle, were the only moments to worry Leicester until, unexpectedly, they found themselves behind in the 43rd minute.

The build-up saw Stoke at their most direct, Prudhoe's clearance forcing Hill to stretch awkwardly to head clear. The ball dropped at Gleghorn's feet, and a hefty swing of his left boot sent it crashing back past Ward, the Leicester goalkeeper getting down late, and then being deceived by the bounce.

There was still time before the interval for Overson to shoot straight at Ward from ten yards, and for Joachim to give a glimpse at last of the pace that makes him one of the most exciting young forwards in the country.

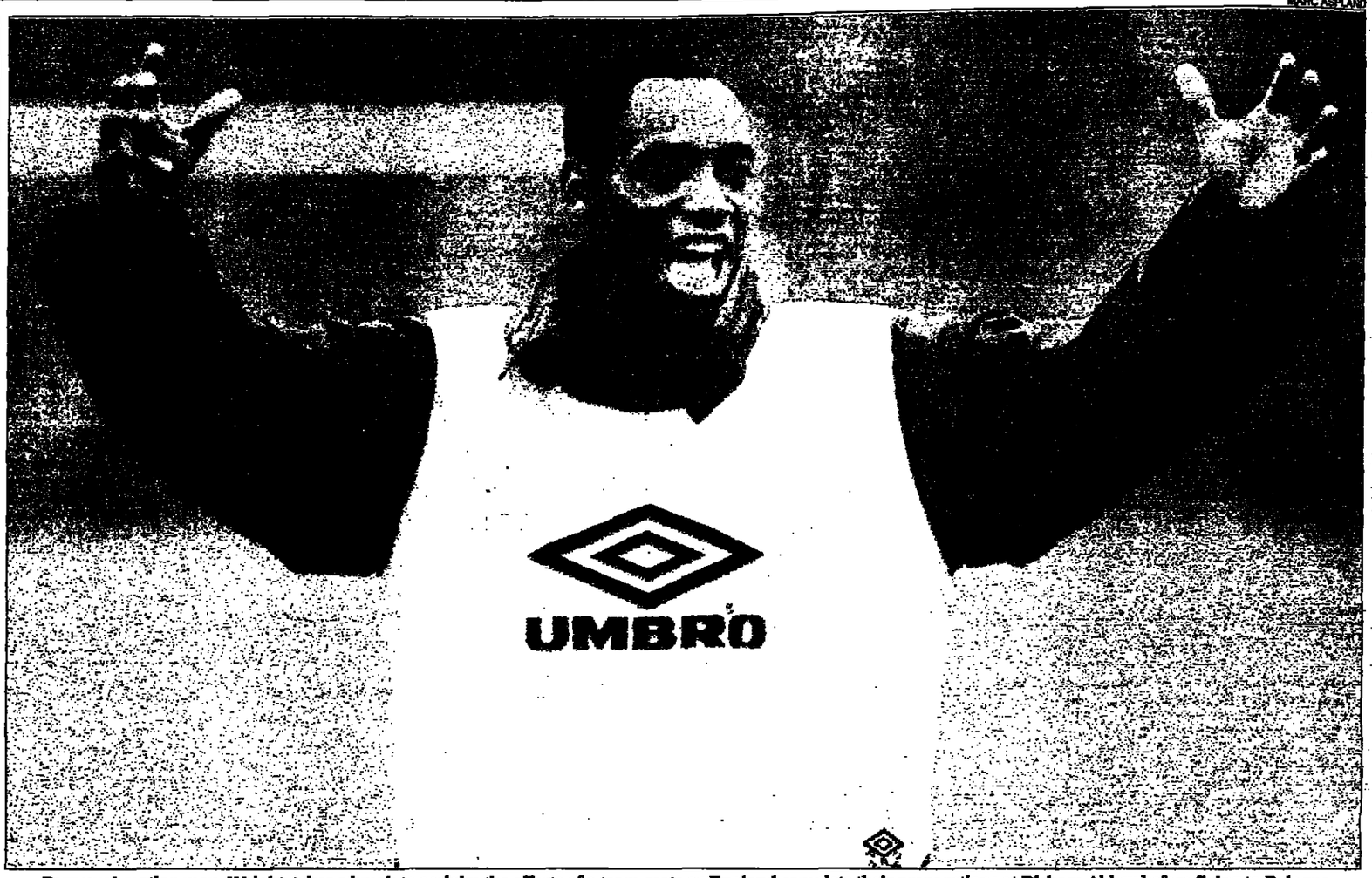
For all that Leicester threw men forward, Stoke, never slacking their pace or forgetting their marking duties, controlled the second half. Regis, with a far post header, and Gleghorn, losing control at the crucial moment, might have extended their lead. In the end, though, they were indebted to Prudhoe's breathtaking athleticism.

Philpott found Whitlow in space on the left, and his cross was met by Carey with a firm shot from no more than eight yards. Carey was already celebrating when Prudhoe appeared from nowhere, flinging himself to his left to tip the ball away.

STOKE CITY (3-5-2): M Prudhoe — L Sandford, I Cranson, V Overson — J Butler, T Orlygsson (sub: M Gynn, 82min), S Foley, N Gleghorn, T Cowan — M Carruthers, D Regis.
LEICESTER CITY (4-4-2): G Ward — S Grayson, B Carey, C Hill, M Whitlow — G Mills (sub: R Smith, 86), D Oldfield, S Thompson, C Gibson (sub: L Philpott, 69) — J Joachim, D Speedie
Referee: J Parker.

John Mitchell's consortium bid to take over Luton Town was rejected yesterday by David Kohler, the chairman and managing director of the club. Mitchell's offer — understood to be well below the £650,000 needed for a controlling interest in the club — was turned down immediately.

MARC ASPLAND



Perpetual-motion man, Wright, takes a break to acclaim the efforts of a team-mate as England complete their preparations at Bisham Abbey before flying to Bologna

Wright proves England's passions remain high



Rob Hughes finds no defeatist talk in the England camp before their meeting with San Marino

England fly to Bologna today clutching at the straw that sport is not always beholden to reason. Indeed, Graham Taylor, the England manager, makes it clear that there is no room aboard for any player not willing to "still believe in the dream of qualifications".

Ian Wright, who barely one month ago after the defeat in Rotterdam suggested that this was the end of international football for him, has rebounded and sounded a born-again believer during weekend training at Bisham Abbey. "Until Wednesday's gone, I will believe we can be there," he said, referring to the finals in the United States.

"I'll make myself one hundred per cent fit, and if the boss doesn't see fit to start me, I won't undermine him or anything. I won't throw a trantrum, I'll wait on the bench for my chance to help get that obstacle, San Marino, out of the way for us."

This football-speak, this response to Taylor's resident psychologist, Dr John Gardner, and the power of positive thinking can go much higher in the mouth of Wright. "This is a very exciting time, man," the Arsenal striker exclaimed. "Wednesday could be a complete disaster, or complete ecstasy. It's brilliant — the whole country will be lifted if we get it. It's exciting just thinking about it."

A mercurial character, our Ian. He can speak for 20 minutes and then suddenly turn a phrase as sharp, as audacious, as instinctive as the goals he has scored for Arsenal. The enigma, the reason Taylor may indeed start the match with Wright on the bench, comes with the arithmetic. He has struck 72 times in 100 matches for Arsenal and just once in 15 appearances, half of them as substitute, for England.

Yet it is Wright, as much as any other player, who knows that the seven goals England require in Bologna are possible. "Hey, man," he insists, "I was involved when Crystal Palace lost 9-0 to Liverpool, and with Arsenal when we beat Sheffield Wednesday 7-1. They were strange games to play in, but the strangest thought is that we could win 9-0 on Wednesday and, if Poland don't win, we won't be going there."

After Wright's extremes, the low of wanting to quit after defeat in Rotterdam, the high expectancy that sees no barrier, David Platt is always a more measured opinion to canvass.

"Our situation now is that we have moved from ambition to hoping for a dream," Platt, the most worldly of English footballers, said. "The greatest hurt I have ever known came in Rotterdam. Our defeat there meant that qualification is out of our hands. We're at the stage now where we have to go out and create and score the goals against San Marino, and hope that Poland bring us the dream by beating Holland."

Platt, who returns to the stadium that changed his personal fortunes when he scored against Belgium in the 1990 World Cup finals, believes that the spaciousness of the Renato Dall'Ara pitch will favour England. There will be no hiding place for the amateur San Marino players, providing England maintain the patience and the drive to score effectively every 13 minutes.

But Platt, away from the thoughts of psychology, said: "To be honest, we cannot look at a qualifying task over ten games and say we are unlucky. We've got to learn a little bit, and one of the things we have to stop saying is that we play more games than anyone else. It's a myth. Italy play a lot of games, but they stretch them out over a longer season."

Platt says the deepest driving force, the biggest loss to English players, would come in the summer if the dream is not fulfilled. "A lot of our players are wanting to play in Italy now," he said. "Italian clubs will be looking to bring in new star names to placate the fans, and those are going to come out of the World Cup."

Between the optimism of Platt, the scorer of four goals when he last met San Marino, and the almost hyper-expectation of Wright, comes the pessimism from Poznan. There the Poles are gathering. More accurately, most of them are not gathering, for the likes of Roman Kosecki and Jacek Ziober are refusing to leave their clubs in Spain and France, considering the cause already lost.

Darius Adamczuk, the defender who was transferred last week from Dundee to Udinese, voiced the most abject pessimism: "England can score as many goals as they like against San Marino, but they are out of the World Cup."

There would be no place for Adamczuk and his thinking on the Britannia Airways plane to Bologna this afternoon. Taylor, like anyone else, knows the score. After training yesterday, he lost Trevor Steven, who returns to Rangers with a groin strain, and Tony Adams, who has not recovered from his virus.

Nevertheless, he is likely to choose a 4-2-4 attacking line-up as follows: D Seaman — L Dixon, P Parker (or D Walker), G Pallister, S Pearce — P Ince, D Platt — S Ripley, L Ferdinand, A Shearer, L Sharpe.

Not available for selection, but a man after the manager's heart, was the late Duke of Wellington: "Possible? Is anything impossible? Read the papers!" the Duke said.

Nevin creates misery for Butcher

Tranmere Rovers 4
Sunderland 1

BY PETER BALL

WHILE Kevin Keegan walks on water on the Tyne, Terry Butcher, his former England colleague, is sinking fast in the shallows of the Endsleigh League first division. On Saturday Sunderland slipped to their seventh away defeat in eight games as Tranmere, with Nevin rampant, swamped them in the second half.

Sunderland have now not won away since February. For half a game on Saturday they looked as if that depressing statistic might be ending, but then they collapsed.

The £2 million spent in the summer has yielded few dividends so far, and for a manager already under pressure, their error-strewn display must have been like watching the hangman preparing the noose. "Butcher, Butcher on the dole," the Tranmere fans chanted cruelly as Nevin's header squeezed past Chamberlain's hand for the third goal in a devastating 13 minutes, but their manager was more sympathetic to Butcher's position.

"He's been asked to do one of the plum jobs in the game, and he's been in it for five minutes," John King said. "It's impossible to turn things round in that time. He's been appointed, and they should stick with him."

For the moment, Bob Murray, the Sunderland chairman, seems in accord with those views after a meeting with Butcher to clear the air. But even Butcher recognises that failure in the next two matches, against Southend and Nottingham Forest, could be fatal.

They will need to recover quickly. Yet for half the match, they looked a reasonably good side, more than holding their own and just about deserving their interval lead, given them by a splendid goal from Goodman, their outstanding forward. Then the roof fell in.

Tranmere's exciting football in the second half forced the errors. After, uncharacteristically, playing a lot of long-ball football in the first half, Tranmere were forced to regroup by an injury to Malkin. Nevin pushed in alongside Aldridge and Morrissey, a local hero, came on for his first game of the season after injury.

His arrival proved the catalyst. "John coming on gave the crowd a lift, and the team," King said. It took four minutes for the game to swing as Nevin's pass sent Brannan inside the full back. Chamberlain let his hard, low cross go through his hands.

Until then Aldridge, who had managed only 45 minutes in the previous nine games, had looked far short of match fitness, but his goalscorer's natural instincts remained unimpaired, and he was hovering to accept the gift with alacrity.

The goal, plus a change of studs at half-time, brought his fitness flooding back. His absence from the Republic of Ireland team, persuading Jack Charlton to alter his formation, had been crucial against Spain. Now he left little doubt that he is ready for the decider against Northern Ireland in Belfast on Wednesday.

But if Aldridge's performance was the more important in the wider scheme of things, on the day he, along with everybody else on the pitch, was upstaged by Nevin, who was irrepressible.

The Scotsman resists suggestions that he is playing the best football of his career, but there is now a sharp point to his trickery.

In the first half he had provided the only subtlety; in the second he simply ran the show, having a part in the first, making the second with a fine run and perfectly judged pass and then scoring two, the second with a run and chip which should be a contender for goal of the season. By then Sunderland looked out of their depth.

TRANMERE ROVERS (4-3-3): D Coyne — A Thomas, D Higgins, S Vickers, I Nolan — J Kenworthy, G Brannan, M Provcer — C Malkin (sub: J Morrissey, 45min), J Aldridge, P Nevin
SUNDERLAND (4-4-2): A Chamberlain — G Owers (sub: P Rodgerson, 70), G Bennett, D Ferguson, K Bell — Marin Grey, R Ord, G Armstrong, M Smith — D Goodman, I. Howey (sub: P Gray, 70).
Referee: P Vanes.

Shilton survives test at Marlow

Marlow..... 0
Plymouth Argyle..... 2

BY WALTER GAMMIE

PETER Shilton, as he has done for the past 27 years as a professional footballer, did his Saturday afternoon work with efficiency, his Plymouth Argyle side squeezing the life out of Marlow's big day in the FA Cup first round.

The elastic frame that has denied so many forwards was contained within the dug-out on a drenchingly wet afternoon in the Buckinghamshire town on the Thames.

Five away from 1,000 Football League appearances and three away from equalling the record of 88 matches in the FA Cup, Shilton, 44, has been letting Alan Nicholls, a 20-year-old he signed from Cheltenham Town, do the goalkeeping for him.

Nicholls played his part in subduing Marlow's sharp start to each half, but it was another experienced campaigner, Steve McCall, who pulled the threads of the game into shape for Argyle. The former Ipswich player was always available to his colleagues, and showed unhurried touch and splendid accuracy in his passing to dominate midfield.

Yet the travelling Plymouth press corps, those who have gone grey in decades of service, and always form a reliable barometer of the club they follow's failings, asked at half-time: "Who's going to get the goal?"

So when the breakthrough came after 64 minutes, it was no surprise it smacked of fortune. Paul Dalton floated a free kick into the area form the left touchline that skidded under the Marlow goalkeeper, Kevin Mitchell, distracted by the lunging arrival of Castle.

Solid defending and McCall's easy mastery of possession football thwarted any lung-bursting rally by the Diadora League side, and Dalton, played through an undermanned defence, scored the second a minute from time.

For Marlow's Tim Buzaglo, the one player on the pitch enshrined in Cup legend, there were no further pickings. His progress was largely blocked by slithering challenges, his one clear sight of goal produced a powerful shot that flew wide and and he was cheated off a gallop on goal by a basketball-style flip of the hand by Burrows.

In the bar at the finish, there were thirsty men, disorientated by a two o'clock kick-off, complaining of not being able to get a drink before 4.30, and Marlow committee men shedding years to queue for Shilton's autograph.



Shilton: efficiency

John Motson, fresh from his television commentary, arrived to a hero's reception, and an emissary did the rounds to find out whose car was blocking in the Plymouth coach. All the familiar chaos of an easy-going non-league club that Michael Eagleton, the chairman, has to order.

Eagleton talks, with dark humour "of the other club over the hill", denying Marlow the support they deserve: High Wycombe is but four miles away.

Three years of first-round appearances, and the trip to Tottenham in the third round last year, have bought breathing space for a club where the figures never quite add up. No Tottenham this time, but "watch out for us in the FA Trophy, please," he said.

MARLOW (4-4-2): K Mitchell — S Mitchell, T Baron, C Ferguson, S Holmes — M Watkins, J Pegan (sub: M Mallins, 75min), D Ley, N Catlin (sub: A Dell, 45) — G Bleckman, T Buzaglo
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (4-4-2): A Nicholls — M Patterson, A Burrows, A Comyn, D Naylor — W Burnett, S Castle, S McCall, C Shirley (sub: D Marshall, 45) — P Dalton, K Nugent.
Referee: J Brandwood.

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Fending off the Cambridge blues

Russell Kempson on a weekend of cup action with two clubs who are struggling to succeed in a seat of learning

MARC ASPLAND



Fry, of Hereford United, boots the ball clear under pressure from Scott, of Cambridge City, during the match yesterday

CAMBRIDGE. A seat of learning, academia in its element, a calming retreat for the highly-strung intellectual. Home of history, from Roman to medieval; King's College Chapel, architecture at its finest. Home, too, of Cambridge United and Cambridge City football clubs. Basic fare in an arena of excellence.

United and City survive against a backcloth of achievers and achievement, where success is measured in degrees rather than points. Goals scored mean little amid the ancient splendour, multi-lingual waves of tourists and green and pleasant pasture of Parker's Piece, where Jack Hobbs, later of Surrey and England, sowed the seeds of 197 centuries.

At the Abbey Stadium, south of the River Cam, United attract crowds of just over 4,000 for their Endsleigh Insurance League second division matches. At Milton Road, two miles over the Cam to the north, City rely on 300 per home fixture in the Premier Division of the Beazer Homes League, the present-day Southern League. Small wonder traditional cross-town hostilities have long since ceased.

"Relations between us were a bit cut-throat when we were in the Southern League together," Stuart Hamilton, the City secretary, said. "But we're now worlds apart and there's no problem." Steve Greenall, the United secretary, still detects a hint of rivalry. "Some people are adamant they won't step foot inside the other ground," he said. "Overall, though, that's gone now."

Every supporter is cherished and if he or she temporarily splits loyalties, watching United when City are playing away and vice versa, so much the better. United, elected into the Football League in 1970, have tried to tap into the university population to no avail. Even John Major refused to be tempted from his nearby Huntingdon constituency. "We were informed he hadn't got time," Greenall said. A grey day for United.

City, with their £50 a week part-time players, beer-making kit in the boardroom and humble abode, face the facts with equal fortitude. The last time Milton Road was full to its 2,500 capacity was when an EastEnders XI took on a Celebrity XI for charity. Followers of football were at a premium.

FA Cup weekend in Cambridge was thus a welcome diversion. On Saturday, United played host to Reading; yesterday, City took on Hereford United. Fenland camaraderie was openly revived, with United, the big brother, helping to sell City's remaining tickets and providing them with their match-day stewards. The directors were also special guests at each other's games.

Andy Pincher, 21, the assistant secretary at United and right back for City, felt the air of mutual co-operation more than most. "I've had to put up with a bit of leg-pulling, but it's been great, really," he said. "It was nice not to have to play on a Saturday for a change, even though I still had to work in the United ticket office."

He bears no grudge for being informed, three years ago, that he was not going to make the grade as a player with United. "I was told I wasn't quick enough," he said. "They were probably right."

Both occasions fell flat, though, producing first-round ties of minimum appeal. United drew 0-0 and failed to muster a single shot on target. At least they travel to Elm Park for a second chance on Wednesday week. City also experienced a numbing encounter in the bitter Cambridgeshire conditions but, with a replay within their grasp, too, they succumbed to Chris Pike's header in the 85th minute.

For United, the visit to Berkshire is an opportunity to recall recent memories of consecutive trips to the FA Cup quarter-finals. It was in the successful yet crazy era of John Beck, the former manager, who favoured the ballistic approach to playing and forced his men to take cold showers before away matches. About the only bizarre incident at the Abbey not attributable to him was when callers to the club's 0898 hotline were accidentally treated to the whims of Miss Whiplash. BT owned up to that one.

For Steve Fallon, the City player-manager and former United central defender, it is back to catching up lost ground in the Beazer Premier. A place in the second round of the FA Cup for the first time had eluded City but they will wish United well next week. In Cambridge, football rivals stick together.

All gloom for Albion as Halifax deliver knockout

Halifax Town 2
West Bromwich Albion .. 1

By Michael Henderson

FROM Hull, hell and Halifax, good lord deliver us. Not so yesterday. The Baggies were comprehensively debagged at The Shay, a mausoleum which passes for a football stadium.

Halifax, drummed out of the Football League last year, outplayed the first division team so thoroughly they would hardly have been flattered by a margin of three goals, not one.

Many teams from the lower divisions and the non-league world have overcome higher placed opponents, mainly through physical endeavour and the ability to live off scraps. Halifax owed yesterday's victory to their superior passing and movement.

Their football in the first half in particular was outstanding. They had in Saunders quite the best player on the field with Boardman, the centre half, not far behind and Peake, who scored their first goal, the most impressive midfielder on view. None of the others let them down. And not the least important factor was the safe handling of Heyes in goal.

Halifax had come close to scoring before Peake found the target in the seventh minute, walking through some poor tackles before beating Lange with a considered right-foot shot from 12 yards.

They went in at half-time two goals up, but they might easily have had four. In pushing forward to retrieve a goal, Albion repeatedly left themselves short of cover at the back. When Halifax broke, eight minutes before the interval, Saunders accepted a lateral pass which Paterson rolled into his path and drew Lange before pushing a right-foot shot beyond him into the corner of the net.

It was something of a surprise when Hunt headed in for Albion from O'Regan's left wing cross ten minutes from time.

It rarely pays to be complacent. On the way to the game, a gaggle of Albion fans hummed the slow movement from Dvorak's New World Symphony, the one used for the Hovis advert. Presumably it was their way of mocking life in northern mill towns. Of course, when you come from such pleasure domes as Dudley and Sandwell, life is never the same elsewhere.

This defeat may not have been as embarrassing as the one Woking inflicted on Albion three years ago but it was a chastening experience all the same. Halifax were far and away the better side yesterday and that knowledge can only hurt experienced professionals.

HALIFAX TOWN (4-4-2): D Hayes — D Garman, P Craven, E Edwards, C Boardman — B Barr, J Peake, D Ridings, C Lambert — J Paterson (sub: S Constable, 85min), S Saunders.

WEST BROMWICH ALBION (4-4-2): T Lange — S Coldicott, K O'Regan, D Burgess, K Ampadu (sub: N Reid, 76) — A Hunt, I Hamilton, B McNally, K Donovan (sub: M Mellon, 61) — B Taylor, L Ashcroft.

Referee: W Flood.

Carroll delivers O'Neill a sweet success

Bristol Rovers.................. 1
Wycombe Wanderers.... 2

By Oliver Holt

WYCOMBE Wanderers upheld the proud Cup tradition that has accompanied their rise to League status when they knocked Second Division Bristol Rovers out of the FA Cup yesterday, maintaining their unbeaten away record in the process.

Wanderers, who took West Bromwich Albion to a replay before losing in the second round last season and squandered an aggregate lead at home to Premier League Coventry City in the Coca-Cola Cup this year, fought back from behind.

They won with a goal that was as fortuitous for them as it was unfortunate for the home side who had looked fitter and stronger as the game entered its closing stages.

With just 12 minutes left, and not the slightest hint of danger, Rovers' goalkeeper Brian Parkin cleared straight to Dave Carroll who promptly slipped the ball beneath Parkin as he rushed to the edge of his area.

"It would be easy to blame Brian," said the Bristol manager, John Ward. "But that can happen to anybody. He has done extremely well this season and I am not about to point the finger at him.

"We showed the soft side of our game around their penalty area. And I was very disappointed with our finishing."

It must have been a sweet victory indeed for Martin O'Neill, the Wycombe manager, widely thought to have once turned down the chance of managing the Bristol club, and later Nottingham Forest in the wake of his side's elevation to the Third Division in the summer.

Wycombe matched Rovers in strength and skill in a match that resonated with confident football. Rovers took the lead during a purple patch midway through the first half when a swerving 30-yard free kick from Archer, one of two fine left-sided midfielders on view, deceived Hyde and flew straight into the bottom corner of the net in the 25th minute.

But Wycombe refused to be cowed. Already they had coped with the disappointment of a miss by their top scorer, Scott, in the first minute and they equalised 11 minutes before half-time. Carroll's cross was turned back by the other left-foot protagonist, Guppy, and rebounded off the underside of the bar for Tim Langford to side-foot the ball home.

O'Neill praised his side's resilience in the face of a lot of pressure and admitted they were settling for a draw before Carroll's surprise winner.

"To have got a result against a side a league above has to be very good news indeed," he added.

BRISTOL ROVERS (4-4-2) B Parkin — J Channing, B Clark, I Wright, L Maddison — M Browning, W Sterling, J Skinner, L Archer — C Saunders, J Taylor.

WYCOMBE WANDERERS (4-4-2) P Hyde — J Cousins, G Creaser, T Evans, D Horton — K Ryan, D Carroll, H Hayrettin, S Guppy — T Langford, K Scott.

Referee: M Pierce

Ball's record stays intact

Farnborough Town........ 1
Exeter City..................... 3

By Oliver Holt

THE tiny share of the romance of the FA Cup that this game grimly hung on to amid the gloom of a miserably cold and wet afternoon, had disappeared long before Alan Ball had given the last of his interviews in the darkness of a deserted stadium and trudged back to the team bus.

For 75 minutes, the steadfastness of a bailiff, the defiance of a soldier, the speed of a film librarian, the deft touches of a builder and the hooked goal of an unemployed football coach had threatened to expose Exeter and Ball's proud boast that he had never been on the wrong end of a cup upset in his long career as player or manager.

Then, as the ring of pallid council houses that circled the ground vanished in the gathering gloom, the hardy gathering at Cherrywood Road saw its team succumb to the trappings of amateurism.

Farnborough's manager, Alan Taylor, the successor to the long-serving Ted Pearce, blamed lapses of concentration for Exeter's three goals in seven minutes that ended any thoughts of a repeat of his side's glorious run to the third round two seasons ago. But there also appeared to be a few lapses in running and the paunches of those who had fallen prey to the temptations of less active careers seemed to be heaving more noticeably.

"I've been involved in the FA Cup for 30 years," Ball said. "Things don't change. You get shocks, you get upsets and you get some cracking ties. After 75 minutes here, the team that deserved to be 1-0 down was in that position."

Despite some neat interplay between Coughlin and Wigley, Exeter spent most of the first half on the defensive, struggling to cope with Boothe's pace in attack and the long, swirling kicks of Taylor, the home goalkeeper.

But they were roused by Jones's close-range goal for Farnborough in the 41st minute and galvanised further by the introduction of Gary Worthington, cousin of Frank, as substitute in the 67th minute. Within nine minutes of his appearance, Worthington prodded home the equaliser and four minutes after that, Jepson rifled home an unstoppable shot after a neat one-two with Ross.

Ross put the tie beyond doubt with a header seven minutes from the final whistle. By then, even the keenest fans were heading for the exits. When Bradley Pratt, a New Zealander playing in the centre of the Farnborough defence, was asked to sum up his first FA Cup experience, he just said: "The weather's worse here than in Auckland."

FARNBOROUGH TOWN (4-4-2): M Taylor — S Baker, B Pratt, D Coney, W Stemp — M Turkington, B Broome, M Jones, J Horton — C Boothe, S Read.

EXETER CITY (4-2-4): P Fox — J Minett, J Brown, P Whiston, R Robinson (sub: S Daniels, 45min) — D Bailey, R Coughlin — S Wigley, R Jepson, M Ross, M Phillips (sub: G Worthington, 67)

Referee: G Pooley.

Enfield let chance slip

Enfield 0
Cardiff City 0

By Keith Pike

OF ALL the minnows' tales of what might have been on Saturday, few will be told with as much conviction as Enfield's. They may never again get as good an opportunity for glory.

Cardiff City's performance in the first half at Southbury Road was nothing less than a shambles, and had Enfield taken only one of the half-dozen early chances they created, the Endsleigh Insurance League second division team, initially outfought and outthought by the part-timers, would have been out of the FA Cup, too.

Certainly, the Enfield of ten years ago would have beaten Cardiff in a canter. Indisputably the best non-League team in the country then, the club might have been mixing with the likes of Cardiff every week. It peaked 12 months too soon however, winning the so-called fifth division the year before automatic promotion to the Football League was established.

Now one level lower, in the premier division of the Diadora League, Enfield lack the experience of their renowned predecessors, but under Graham Roberts, twice an FA Cup winner with Tottenham Hotspur, they are making steady progress. The team reflects the manager rather well: uncomplicated, effective, and making up for any deficiencies with a prodigious level of commitment.

Griffith, the Cardiff winger, would testify that while what little pace Roberts once had has now gone completely, his tackling has lost none of its venom. The thud from the foul on Griffith that earned Roberts a second-half caution positively echoed round the stand.

Had Darren Collins's finishing been as good as the rest of his play, Enfield would have won comfortably. His glancing header that flashed past a post, a low shot that deflected to safety off an unwitting goalkeeper, and a blast wide after his pace had taken him clear of Perry were the key moments of the first half.

Twelve minutes from time came the best opening of the lot. Collins scooping his shot over from six yards after some quite brilliant work by St Hilaire on the right touchline. The misses not only cost Enfield victory, but meant his forthcoming week's trial with Sheffield Wednesday will have to be delayed.

Cardiff looked much more the part later in the game. And it was McCann in the Enfield goal who produced the save of the match to tip Millar's header over the bar. He is likely to be much busier at Ninian Park next week.

ENFIELD (3-5-2): G McCann — G Heald, P Turner, G Roberts — L Francis, P Hobson, M Pye (sub: J Bailey, 82min), P Ryan, M Engwell — M St Hilaire, D Collins.

CARDIFF CITY (4-4-2): S Williams — D Brazil, J Perry, M Aizlewood, D Searle — C Griffith, N Richardson, P Millar, N Blake — G Thompson (sub: A Bird, 77), P Stant.

Referee: A Smith.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

FA Cup
First round

BARNET (0) 2 CARSHALTON (1) 1
Haag 56, Close 72 — Annon 15
2,690

BOURNEMTH (3) 4 BRIGHTON (1) 2
McGorry 13, Pennock 42, Masters 44, Wood 75 — Kennedy 1, 66
5,500

BRADFORD (0) 0 CHESTER (0) 0
[illegible]

BURNLEY (0) 0 YORK (0) 0
10,199

CAMBRIDGE UTD (0) 0 READING (0) 0
[illegible]

CHESTRFLD (0) 0 ROCHDALE (0) 1
Stuart 73 (pen)
[illegible]

COLCHESTR (1) 3 SUTTON UTD (2) 4
McGavin 40, Brown 52, English 86 — Dual 18, Smart 31, Newman 84, Morah 88
[illegible]

CREWE (2) 4 DARLINGTN (2) 2
Edwards 22, Rowbotham 35, Gardiner 63, Smith 74 (pen) — Ellison 18, Painter 20
3,489

ENFIELD (0) 0 CARDIFF (0) 0
[illegible]

FARNBOROUGH (1) 1 EXETER (0) 3
Jones 42 — Worthington 76, Jepson 81, Ross 83
[illegible]

GRETNA (2) 2 BOLTON (1) 3
Townsley 11, [illegible] 25 — McGinlay 14 (pen), Coyle 79, 84
[illegible]

KIDDERMINSTER (0) 3 KETTERING (0) 0
Brindley 65, Forsyth 65 (pen), Davies 69
3,775

KNOWSLEY (1) 1 CARLISLE (3) 4
Joyce 29 (og) — Arnold 8, 66, Davey 28, Reeves 33
[illegible]

LEYTON ORIENT (1) 2 GRAVESEND AND N (1) 1
[illegible] 42, Hackett 77 — Portway 40
5,461

MACCLSFLD (2) 2 HARTLPOOL (0) 0
Sorvel 22, Macdonald 45
2,747

MANSFIELD (0) 1 PRESTON (0) 2
[illegible] 55 — Ellis 63 (pen), 89
[illegible]

MARLOW (0) 0 PLYMOUTH (0) 2
Dalton 64, 89
[illegible]

MET POLICE (0) 0 CRAWLEY (0) 2
Whittington 52, Van Gilfart 61
[illegible]

MOLESEY (0) 0 BATH (4) 4
Mings 13, Boyle 14, Adcock 34, 45
[illegible]

NORTHAMPTN (0) 1 BROMSGROVE (1) 2
Aldridge 59 — Shilvock 35, Carter 85
[illegible]

PORT VALE (2) 2 BLACKPOOL (0) 0
Kerr 12, Foyle 27
8,211

ROTHERHAM (0) 1 STOCKPORT (0) 2
Wilder 58 (pen) — Todd 84, Preece 90
4,836

RUNCORN 0 HULL 1
(Match abandoned after 29min)

SCARBORO (0) 1 BURY (0) 0
Young 64
2,194

SHRWSBURY (0) 1 DONCASTER (0) 1
Gallen 84 — Williamson 54
3,408

SLOUGH (0) 1 TORQUAY (2) 2
Scott 65 — Sale 10, Moore 40
2,371

STALYBRIDGE (1) 1 MARINE (1) 1
Aspinall 27 — Rowlands 20
1,525

SWANSEA (0) 1 NUNEATON (0) 1
Torpey 90 — Shearer 79
3,532

TELFORD (1) 1 HUDDERSFIELD (1) 1
Bignot 17 — Rowe 5
2,257

VS RUGBY (0) 0 BRENTFORD (1) 3
Allon 38 (pen), 79, Gayle 54
3,168

WITTON (0) 0 LINCOLN (0) 2
West 72, Lormor 90
1,450

WOKING (1) 2 WESTON-S-MARE (2) 2
Wye 8, Dennis 53 — Elson 20, Bowering 30
2,766

WREXHAM (1) 1 WALSALL (1) 1
Watkin 29 — Lightbourne 35
5,151

YEADING (0) 0 GILLINGHAM (0) 0
2,285

Yesterday

ACCRINGTON (0) 2 SCUNTHORPE (1) 3
Connor 65, Wood 90 — Toman 31, Goodacre 82, 90
5,858

BRISTOL ROV (1) 1 WYCOMBE (1) 2
Archer 25 — Langford 34, Carroll 78
6,421

CAMBRIDGE C (0) 0 HEREFORD (0) 1
Pike 85
2,350

HALIFAX (2) 2 WEST BROM (0) 1
Peake 6, Saunders 36 — Hunt 80
4,250

FA CUP First round replays (7.30 unless stated): November 23: Cardiff v Enfield, Chester v Bradford, Gillingham v Yeading (7.45); Huddersfield v Telford; Marine v Stalybridge, Nuneaton v Swansea, Weston-super-Mare v Woking (7.45), Wigan v Leek. November 24: Doncaster v Shrewsbury; Reading v Cambridge United (7.45); Walsall v Wrexham (7.45); York v Burnley (7.45). Re-arranged fixture: tomorrow: Runcorn v Hull (at Witton Albion)

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballyclare 0, Coleraine 1: Ballymena 2, Cliftonville 1; Bangor 3, Newry 1; Carrick 1, Portadown 6: Crusaders 3, Omagh 0; Glenavon 3, Linfield 2; Glentoran 2, Ards 0. Larne 1, Distillery 2.

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division

BRISTOL CITY (1) 2 MILLWALL (0) 2
Allison 37, 56 — Rae 71, Beard 78
8,416

CHARLTON (1) 5 NOTTS COUNTY (1) 1
Leaburn 43, Nelson 48, 58, Newton 78, Walsh 86 — Agana 5
7,078

OXFORD UTD (1) 2 DERBY (0) 0
Elliott 32, Magilton 80
7,151

SOUTHEND (1) 2 LUTON (0) 1
Otto 2, Hunt 58 — Dixon 45
5,567

TRANMERE (0) 4 SUNDRLAND (1) 1
Aldridge 49, Morrissey 51, Nevin 62, 69 — Goodman 40
8,497

WOLVERHAMPTON (0) 1 BARNSLEY (1) 1
Kelly 60 — Biggins 18
18,355

Postponed: Portsmouth v Watford.

Yesterday

STOKE (1) 1 LEICESTER (0) 0
Gleghorn 44
15,984

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Charlton	17	6	2	1	18	5	3	3	2	7	9	32
2 Tranmere	17	7	1	1	21	9	2	3	3	5	8	31
3 Leicester	15	5	1	0	14	4	4	1	4	9	8	29
4 Southend	16	5	2	1	17	6	3	1	4	12	15	27
5 C Palace	14	6	2	0	17	5	2	1	3	11	11	27
6 Stoke	16	5	0	3	11	9	3	3	2	14	14	27
7 Derby	16	6	0	1	18	9	2	2	5	8	17	26
8 Portsmth	16	5	2	1	14	8	1	5	2	11	15	25
9 Bristol C	17	5	2	2	14	8	2	2	4	8	12	25
10 Millwall	17	4	3	1	14	9	2	3	4	7	15	24
11 Wolves	17	3	5	1	15	9	2	3	3	12	10	23
12 Middlesbro	16	3	3	2	13	7	3	2	3	12	12	23
13 Nottm For	16	3	3	2	13	12	2	2	4	10	11	20
14 Grimsby	16	2	5	1	9	4	2	3	3	12	14	20
15 Birmingham	16	4	3	2	13	12	1	2	4	6	11	20
16 Watford	15	4	2	2	14	12	1	1	5	8	17	18
17 Notts Co	16	5	1	1	14	7	0	1	6	6	22	17
18 Luton	17	4	0	4	10	9	1	2	6	7	15	17
19 Sunderlnd	16	5	1	2	13	6	0	1	7	3	19	17
20 West Brom	15	4	3	1	19	13	0	1	6	5	14	16
21 Bolton	15	3	2	2	12	9	1	2	5	8	15	16
22 Oxford Utd	16	4	2	2	15	11	0	2	6	5	18	16
23 Barnsley	17	1	1	6	7	15	3	2	4	14	18	15
24 Peterboro	15	3	4	1	12	7	0	2	5	3	14	15

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Bohemians 0, St Patrick's Ath 0; Cork 1, Galway 2; Derry 1, Monaghan 0, Limerick 1, Cobh Ramblers 5; Shamrock Rovers 2, Shelbourne 0.

GM Vauxhall Conference

ALTRNCHM (1) 2 NORTHWICH (1) 2
Cross 45, 63 — Anders 19, Lawn 90
1,019

MERTHYR (0) 0 DOVER (0) 0
556

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Southport	15	4	3	1	14	10	4	2	1	14	8	29
2 Kiddrmnstr	16	6	1	1	11	3	3	1	4	12	14	28
3 Dover	14	7	0	0	16	2	1	1	5	6	11	25
4 Kettering	13	3	3	0	5	2	3	3	1	8	3	24
5 Welling	13	3	2	2	7	6	3	2	1	8	4	22
6 Slough	15	5	1	2	15	10	1	3	3	2	5	22
7 Stafford	14	5	0	3	17	11	1	3	2	8	11	21
8 Yeovil	16	4	2	2	12	8	1	3	4	9	16	20
9 Bath	14	2	3	3	16	13	2	4	0	7	2	19
10 Dag & Red	12	4	2	0	14	8	1	2	3	4	8	19
11 Macclesfld	15	4	1	3	15	9	2	0	5	8	18	19
12 Woking	14	4	2	2	14	11	1	2	3	4	12	19
13 Runcorn	14	4	1	2	16	11	0	5	2	8	14	18
14 Merthyr	15	2	5	0	11	5	1	3	4	8	12	17
15 Witton	16	3	3	2	10	9	1	2	5	4	12	17
16 Halifax	15	2	4	1	13	5	1	3	4	12	19	16
17 Northwich	14	1	5	0	8	5	2	2	4	6	15	16
18 Altrnchm	14	2	3	2	6	5	1	2	4	4	8	14
19 Bromsgrv	12	1	3	2	9	8	2	1	3	9	13	13
20 Gateshead	12	1	2	1	5	4	2	1	5	9	18	12
21 Stalybrdg	11	1	2	3	4	8	0	4	1	2	3	9
22 Telford	12	0	3	2	5	8	1	2	4	5	14	8

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Southampton 3, Tottenham 3.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke 1, Kingstonian 1; Chesham 5, Bromley 0; Dorking 4, Harrow 3; Dulwich 2, Aylesbury 0; Grays 0, Hitchin 2; Hendon 1, Wokingham 1; St Albans 4, Hayes 0, Stevenage 6, Wivenhoe 0. First division: Abingdon 1, Purfleet 1; Billericay 1, Windsor and Eton 1; Boreham Wood 3, Ruislip Manor 1; Heybridge 2, Worthing 1; Leyton 0, Tooting and Mitcham 1; Maidenhead United 4, Croydon 0, Uxbridge 2, Chalfont St Peter 1; Walton and Hersham 3, Barking 3. Postponed: Bognor Regis v Bishop's Stortford; Wembley v Berkhamsted; Whyteleafe v Staines. Second division: Aldershot 3, Edgware 0; Banstead 2, Aveley 2; Collier Row 3, Thame 2; Hemel Hempstead 2, Lewes 1; Hungerford 1, Malden Vale 2; Leatherhead 1, Hampton 0; Rainham 2, Tilbury 3, Saffron Walden 3, Ware 0. Postponed: Barton v Witham, Egham v Chertsey. Third division: Camberley 3, Tring 1; Harlow 1, East Thurrock 3 (abandoned after 65min; power failure); Hornchurch 3, Feltham and Hounslow Borough 1; Northwood 3, Harefield 3; Oxford 6, Hertford 4; Southall 4, Flackwell Heath 3. Postponed: Cheshunt v Bracknell; Clapton v Epsom and Ewell; Kingsbury v Royston; Leighton v Cove.

Scottish League
Premier division

ABERDEEN (1) 1 MOTHERWELL (1) 1
Booth 1 — Kirk 4
11,500

DUNDEE UTD (2) 2 HIBERNIAN (0) 2
Brewster 21, McKinlay 45 — Jackson 51, Hamilton 80
6,880

HEARTS (1) 1 DUNDEE (1) 2
Pittman 19 (og) — Ritchie 8, Czachowski 66
7,681

KILMARNCK (1) 2 CELTIC (1) 2
Williamson 21, Skilling 69 — Nicholas 37, McGinlay 60
16,649

RANGERS (0) 2 RAITH (0) 2
Hateley 61, 73 (pen) — Dalziel 59 (pen), Graham 79
42,681

ST JOHNSTN (0) 1 PARTICK (1) 3
Curran 88 — Craig 45, Britton 60, Grant 67
3,548

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Aberdeen	17	5	4	0	12	3	1	5	2	8	9	21
2 Motherwell	16	4	3	1	12	7	4	2	2	9	7	21
3 Rangers	17	4	2	3	15	12	3	4	1	11	8	20
4 Hibernian	17	5	2	1	12	7	2	4	3	12	11	20
5 Celtic	16	2	4	1	7	4	3	4	2	14	11	18
6 Dundee U	17	2	6	1	11	10	1	5	2	7	10	17
7 Partick	17	3	3	2	10	7	1	5	3	12	16	16
8 Kilmarnock	17	2	5	2	9	9	2	3	3	8	9	16
9 Hearts	17	4	3	2	10	8	1	3	4	3	7	16
10 St Johnstn	17	3	3	3	13	13	0	4	4	3	11	13
11 Raith	17	1	5	2	9	14	1	4	4	11	18	13
12 Dundee	17	3	3	2	11	9	1	0	8	5	14	11

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Burton 1, Sittingbourne 2; Chelmsford 2, Gresley 1; Hastings 1, Halesowen 1; Solihull 1, Corby 2, Trowbridge 2, Gloucester 0, Waterlooville 0, Moor Green 1. Postponed: Atherstone v Bashley. Midland division: Dudley 2, Sutton Coldfield 4; Forest Green 5, Armitage 2; Leicester 1, Grantham 3, Newport AFC 3 Evesham 1; Rushden and Diamonds 5, Bilston 1; Tamworth 4, Hinckley 0. Yate 1, Bedworth 2. Postponed: Clevedon v King's Lynn; Redditch v Stourbridge. Southern division: Baldock 2, Buckingham 1; Burnham 0, Erith and Belvedere 3; Fareham 2, Ashford 3; Newport IOW 3 Margate 2; Salisbury 6, Bury 1; Witney 5, Poole 1. Postponed: Dunstable v Canterbury; Fisher 93 v Sudbury; Havant v Tonbridge AFC.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Bangor 2, Afan Lido 1; Briton Ferry 2, Llansantffraid 3; Connah's Quay 2, Cwmbran 0; Conwy 4, Haverfordwest 1; Holywell 6, Llanelli 1; Maesteg Park 1, Porthmadog 1, Mold 1, Ton Pentre 4. Postponed: Ebbw Vale v Flint; Inter Cardiff v Caersws; Newtown v Aberystwyth.

First division

AYR (0) 1 AIRDRIE (1) 2
McGivern 54 — Davenport 30, 78
1,944

DUMBARTON (0) 1 DUNFRLNE (4) 5
Gibson 89 — French 20, 37, 40, Laing 22, 82
1,437

FALKIRK (1) 2 BRECHIN (0) 0
Duffy 38, McDonald 74
3,473

HAMILTON (3) 4 MORTON (0) 1
Duffield 12, 68, Campbell 30, 42 — Alexander 79
1,696

ST MIRREN (1) 1 CLYDEBANK (0) 0
McWhirter 13
2,487

STIRLING (0) 1 CLYDE (1) 1
McKenna 65 — McConnell 34
1,003

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Falkirk	18	6	1	2	15	11	4	4	1	16	8	25
2 Airdrie	18	5	4	0	18	7	5	1	3	13	10	25
3 Dunfermline	18	7	0	2	25	9	4	2	3	15	10	24
4 Clydebank	18	4	3	1	13	8	5	3	2	18	8	24
5 Hamilton	18	6	2	2	21	10	2	3	3	10	16	21
6 Stirling	18	5	2	2	15	11	3	1	5	10	17	19
7 St Mirren	18	3	1	5	8	11	3	4	2	12	12	17
8 Ayr	18	3	3	4	9	12	3	2	3	7	7	17
9 Dumbarton	18	2	3	5	12	17	3	0	5	10	13	13
10 Morton	18	2	4	3	11	14	1	3	5	10	20	13
11 Clyde	18	3	2	3	9	8	1	2	7	6	18	12
12 Brechin	18	2	1	5	4	12	0	1	9	3	21	6

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Barrow 1, Gainsborough 1; Bishop Auckland 1, Horwich 0; Bridlington Town 1, Droylsden 1; Colwyn Bay 3, Buxton 1; Fleetwood 1, Hyde 0; Matlock 2, Emley 3; Morecambe 1, Frickley 2; Whitley Bay 2, Boston 1; Winsford 0, Chorley 4. First Division Cup: Caernarfon 1, Spennymoor 4; Congleton 2, Radcliffe 0; Farsley 4, Mossley 0; Netherfield 0, Curzon Ashton 0; Workington 2, Eastwood Town 1. First division: Bamber Bridge 3, Guiseley 2; Great Harwood 2, Alfreton 2, Goole 2, Lancaster 0; Warrington 3, Harrogate 2.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashfield 1, North Ferriby 1; Brigg 3, Armthorpe Welfare 1; Glasshoughton Wel 1 Belper 1; Hucknall 2, Eccleshill 0; Maltby MW 1 Lincoln 1; Ossett Albion 1, Sheffield 1; Pickering 2, Pontefract Collieries 1; Stocksbridge PS 3 Ossett 0; Thackley 3, Liversedge 0.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Synthonia 1, Murton 1; Chester-le-Street 5, Stockton 0, Dunston FB 2, Northallerton 2; Ferryhill 4, Eppleton CW 0; Hebburn 1, Durham 2; Newcastle Blue Star 1, West Auckland 3; Seaham Red Star 1, Blyth Spartans 2; Shildon 0, Consett 1; Tow Law 3, Brandon 1.

Second division

ALBION (0) 0 COWDNBTH (1) 1
231 — Henderson 15

ALLOA (1) 1 QUEEN OF SOUTH (0) 0
Ramsay 13
476

EAST FIFE (0) Slrvine 58 QUEEN'S PARK (2) 5
Allan 65 (pen), Hildersley 75, McBride 87, Scott 90 — McPhee 18, 23, 59, 82, O'Neill 67
791

FORFAR (1) 1 EAST STIRLING (0) 1
Bingham 21 — Geraghty 57
427

MEADWBNK (3) 5 MONTROSE (1) 3
Smith 6 (og), Hutchinson 28, 53, Rutherford 30, 86 — Kennedy 42 (pen), M Craib 50, McKenna 88
233

STENHOUSEMUIR (3) 4 ARBROATH (0) 0
Fisher 20, 34, Roseburgh 22, 74
400

STRANRAER (1) 3 BERWICK (0) 0
Sloan 19, 62, Duncan 56 (pen)
750

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Stranraer	15	7	0	1	20	9	3	2	2	7	5	22
2 Meadwbnk	15	4	3	1	15	9	4	1	2	9	5	20
3 Alloa	15	4	2	2	5	3	4	2	1	12	8	20
4 East Fife	15	4	2	2	17	12	4	0	3	9	9	18
5 Stenhsmr	15	5	2	1	15	5	3	0	4	7	12	18
6 Queen of S	15	3	0	4	14	11	3	3	2	14	11	15
7 Berwick	15	3	3	1	15	7	2	2	4	11	13	15
8 Forfar	15	2	3	4	10	13	3	1	2	11	8	14
9 Montrose	15	2	1	3	4	6	3	2	4	16	18	13
10 Cowdnbth	15	0	2	5	8	14	4	2	2	12	12	12
11 Arbroath	15	2	2	3	12	13	2	1	5	6	14	11
12 E Stirling	15	1	1	5	10	17	2	4	2	9	13	11
13 Queen's Pk	15	3	2	2	11	11	0	3	5	9	24	11
14 Albion	15	1	2	5	5	10	2	2	3	8	9	10

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool 1, Everton 0, Manchester United 2, Sheffield United 1.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Postponed: Elmore v Chippenham.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier Division: Old Etonians 0, Old Chigwellians 1. First Division: Old Aldenhamians 1, Old Haileyburians 3; Old Ardinians 2, Old Bradfieldians 4; Old Harrovians 3, Old Witleians 1; Old Wykehamists 5, Old Westminsters 3.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Cambridge 1, Fulham 4; Charlton 1, Tottenham 3; Ipswich 5, Watford 2; Millwall 0, Arsenal 3; Portsmouth 2, Gillingham 2; Southend 2, Leyton Orient 0, West Ham 0, Chelsea 0. Postponed: Norwich v Queens Park Rangers. Second division: Bournemouth 1, Oxford 2; Brentford 2, Bristol 2, Bristol 6, Wimbledon 3; Luton 5, Colchester 3; Southampton 2, Brighton 1. Postponed: Swindon v Reading, Tottenham v Crystal Palace

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Old Esthameians 1, West Wickham 1; Lensbury 3, Midland Bank 6; Lloyds Bank 0, Polytechnic 3; Brentham 4, Alleyn OB 2; Cuaco 2, Old Parmiterians 1; Merton 1, Old Salesians 7

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier Division: Cardinal Manning 2, Old Tenisonians 0; Chertsey 2, Glyn 2.

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: Senior One: Mill Hill Village 0, Old Owens 5; Old Bealonians 2, Wandsworth Bor 1, St Mary's College 3, Nottsborough 2.

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	2	2	2	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	3	2½	3	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½

30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
1½	3	1½	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	3	2½	1½	2½	2½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	1½	2½	3	1½	1½	1½

FORECAST: Dividends are moderate with 11 jackpot draws and five high-score draws; no claims required.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Sampras makes sure of No 1 ranking

PETE Sampras, of the United States, beat Magnus Gustafsson, of Sweden, 6-1, 6-4 in the final of the European Community tennis championship in Antwerp yesterday to collect his eighth tournament victory this year. Sampras's win, in just 53 minutes, guaranteed the American the 1993 world No 1 ranking, Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) officials said. He cannot be overtaken by the world No 2, Jim Courier, in the season-ending ATP tour finals in Frankfurt. Sampras, whose 1993 titles include the Wimbledon and US Open grand slam events, stormed to a 5-0 lead in the first set with three service games to love and two breaks. At 5-0 the first whistles could be heard from a disappointed crowd, which had not expected such a one-sided affair.

Sampras, 22, who had never played the unseeded Gustafsson before, took the first set in barely 18 minutes. Gustafsson, nineteenth in the world, beat the second seed, Michael Stich, and the third seed, Boris Becker, in the quarter-finals and semi-finals respectively.

Leicester extend lead

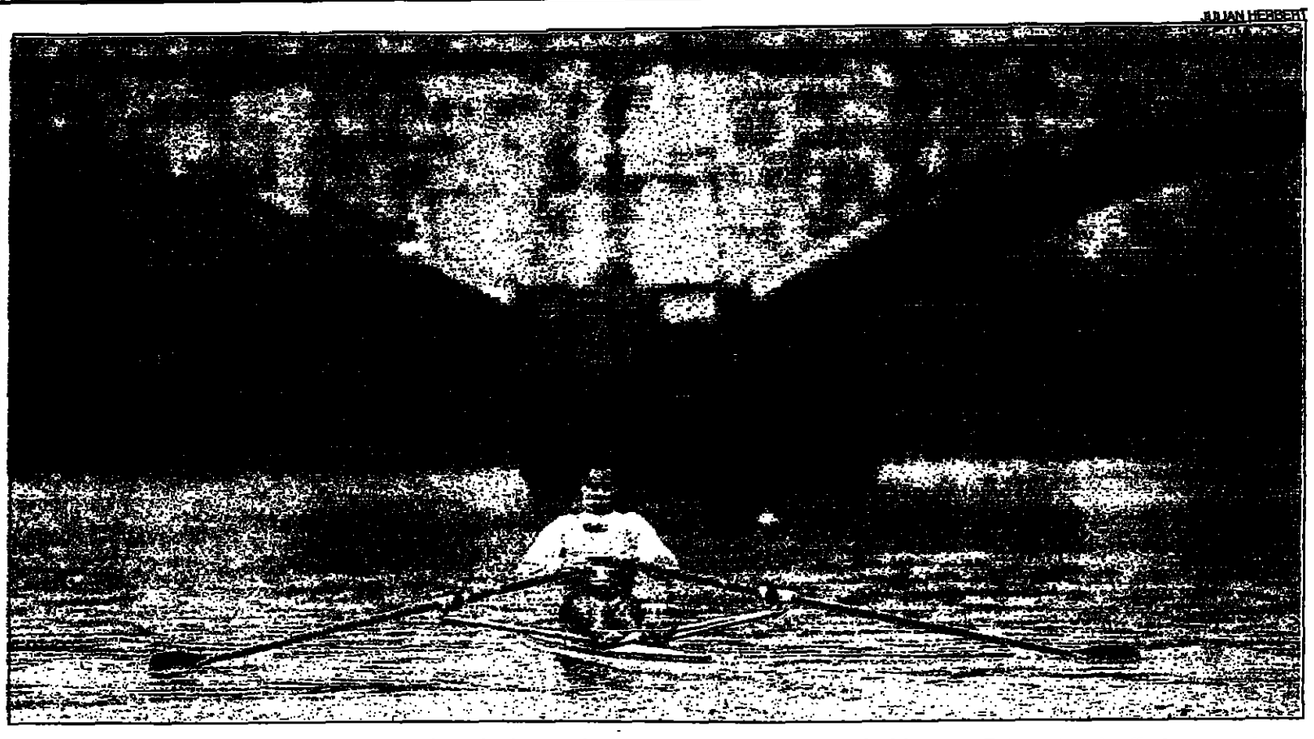
HOCKEY: Leicester grabbed their chances to take a five-point lead at the top of the women's national league premier division on Saturday (Alix Ramsay writes). Their 3-0 win over Chelmsford confirmed their championship aspirations as the other contenders struggled. Kathy Johnson scored from a penalty corner after 18 minutes. Four minutes later, Jill Moss added the second and Sarah Blanks scored a minute from time. Slough found the road to their fourth championship title blocked by the most unlikely obstacle, Ealing. Until Saturday, Ealing had earned only one point from five matches but they came from behind to win 2-1. Ipswich found their grip on the league title slipping away as they dropped two points, drawing 1-1 with Hightown.

Professionals win

RACKETS: Neil Smith and Shannon Hazell narrowly retained their world doubles title despite losing the second leg 4-3 to John Prenn and James Male, the world singles champion, at the Queen's Club, London. Smith and Hazell, the two leading professionals in the world, had won the opening leg 4-3 in New York and held a 20-point lead at the start of the second leg. When they led 3-1 and 11-3 in the fourth game, the match looked over, but Prenn, 40, raised his game, serving superbly while Male upped the pace and the amateurs took the game without losing another point. They then powered through and took the final game 15-4, but the professionals still took the title on points won.

Kings turn corner

BASKETBALL: Guildford Kings' 95-88 defeat by Thames Valley Tigers in the League Trophy was their sixth in nine games, but Kevin Cadle, their coach, was optimistic that his side is showing signs of overcoming the recent problems over non-payment. "Last week, I didn't see no light at the end of the tunnel; this week, I see it," he said. But the legacy of the half-hearted training periods was still there, in spite of the improvement. Duncan, for instance, Guildford's leading scorer, collected 28 points, but missed many more from jump shots that he would have potted with ease but for the wasted practices. Worthing Bears stayed top of the Budweiser League with a comfortable win, 98-71, at Oldham Celtics.



JULIAN HERBERT

Wade Hall-Craggs works diligently on his way to victory in the Thames world sculling challenge, from Putney to Mortlake on Saturday (Mike Rosewell writes). Hall-Craggs beat his more renowned opponents, Steve Redgrave and Peter Haining, and left with £1,500, to be given to the club of his choice. Four years younger than his rivals and three-stone lighter than Redgrave, Hall-Craggs, 27, produced a false start, but, after a clean second attempt, showed ahead. Two seconds separated the all-British trio after a mile, but Haining increased the pressure on Hall-Craggs approaching Hammersmith, Redgrave dropped back, and, in rough water along Chiswick Eyot, the challenge was left to the smaller men, Pauline Churcher, the umpire, warning both and overtaking Redgrave. Haining, through tiredness or tactics, ignored the umpire's instructions at the Bandstand and crossed behind Hall-Craggs, which ruined his approach to Barnes Bridge, where he effectively capitulated by taking an illegal inside arch. Churcher allowed the contest to continue, although she said: "If Haining had won, I would have disqualified him." Hall-Craggs kept his head and won by six seconds. The trio raised more than £2,000 for international scullers.

Mexican victory a saving grace

FROM DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT
IN NEW YORK

ANDRÉS Espinosa, the runner-up for the past two years, defeated the more favoured contenders in the 24th New York City Marathon yesterday and denied the United States its first winner for 11 years. The outcome saved the organisers $110,000 (about £73,500).

Espinosa, from Mexico, made his move in the 22nd mile and, though he has been known in the past to fade during the closing stages of marathons, he raised his pace impressively to draw away from Bob Kempainen, a Minnesota medical student, who was thus denied the chance to become the first American winner of the race since Alberto Salazar in 1982.

Kempainen's prominence came as a surprise and, treading cautiously, he did not show among the leaders until after 17 miles. Four miles later, he joined Espinosa to chase Sammy Lelei, a Kenyan who had broken away at 20 miles.

Lelei's lead was short-lived, but so, too, was the thought that New York might be forced to pay out its considerable bonus, offered for the first time this year, to an American winner. With $100,000 on offer for an American victor, together with double prize-money, Kempainen stood to win $140,000.

However, Espinosa strung together miles of 4min 54sec, 4min 50sec and 4min 51sec for the 24th, 25th and 26th miles which, on this course — more testing than the London Marathon — is rare. His finishing time, 2hr 10min 04sec, was comparatively modest for New York, but was achieved in temperatures close to 70°F.

Only Steve Jones, with his victory in 2hr 08min 20sec in 1988, has broken 2hr 10min in New York in temperatures above 60°F. Kempainen's time, 2hr 11min 02sec was an improvement of 70 seconds on his best.

Kempainen's efforts earned him $30,000 because of New York's prize-money bias towards Americans. Espinosa's winner's cheque was for $20,000, though the champion's Mercedes to go with it, and time bonuses, raised the worth of his earnings to more than $70,000. Not that Kempainen is likely to be too concerned at the lost $110,000. That is small change for doctors here and, once he qualifies from medical school, his income from road running should hardly matter.

That outstanding 10,000 metres athletes to do not always make marathon runners was underlined here by the third place of Arturo Barrios and the tenth position of Moses Tanui. Barrios, who until this year held the world record for 10,000 metres, made his first serious attempt at the distance and, though he ran competently, he was not up to the standards he has set on the track.

Barrios, like Kempainen, ran cautiously, moving into the top three only in the 24th mile, when he passed Lelei. His 2hr 12min 21sec left him more than two minutes behind his compatriot.

Paul Evans was the best of the British group, taking seventh place in 2hr 13min 36sec. Evans, who had dropped out of his two previous marathons this year, at London and in the world championships in Stuttgart, will have regained some measure of confidence from his 2hr 13min 36sec.

Uta Pippig won the women's race which means that one of the two German manufactured Mercedes cars does not have far to go. Pippig, an East Berliner now living in West Berlin, dominated the race, pulling away at ten miles and never looking as though she might be caught. Crossing the line in 2hr 26min 24sec, she was more than two minutes clear of Olga Appell, of Mexico. Pippig thus completed a good day for the trainee doctors.

While the weather was far from perfect for marathon running, it was pleasant for wedding photographs. One couple stopped at eight miles to get married.

RESULTS: Men: 1, A Espinosa (Mex), 2hr 10min 04sec; 2, R Kempainen (US), 2:11:03; 3, A Barrios (Mex), 2:12:21. British positions: 7, P Evans, 2:13:36; 14, S Brace, 2:16:43; 19, M Flint, 2:19:04. Women: 1, U Pippig (Ger), 2:26:24; 2, O Appell (Mex), 2:28:56; 3, N Prasad (F), 2:30:16.

Gateshead enjoys the very best of Völker

BY CRAIG LORD

SANDRA Völker, of Germany, put Gateshead on the map of world swimming with a world record at 50 metres backstroke on the closing day of the European sprint championships.

Many countries spurned their invitations to the North East, blaming the decision of Fina, the international governing body, to hold the inaugural world short-course championships next month — too close for comfort or peak performances.

Gateshead lamented, but laid on a feast for those who did attend. Germany and Sweden, which had bothered to send their leading competitors for some events, reaped most of the rewards.

Völker's time of 28.26sec on Saturday was 0.07sec faster than the world record she set at Sheffield in the spring as she successfully defended a title she has won twice before. She had also won the 50 metres freestyle on Friday.

Völker, a former East German now training in Hamburg, helped Germany to win nine of 20 titles. Louise Karlsson's successful defence of the 100 metres medley and 50 metres butterfly titles, within 20 minutes of each other, ensured that Sweden was not far behind.

It was surely the height of folly, however, to introduce relay races in all strokes, with swimmers starting and finishing in the same two-metre wide stretch of water. And this from a body of officials who thought that Norman Sarsfield, of Britain, had gone mad when he proposed, a few years ago, the introduction of round pools and obstacle races to improve the television appeal of the sport.

Britain did rather well out of this farce, ending up with a medal tally of one gold, five silvers, and two bronze. All praise, though, to Karen Rake, who shared silver in the 50 metres breaststroke, and the women's freestyle and medley relay teams, who won bronze medals.

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Triable issue over leases

Whyfe v Michael Cullen & Partners and Others

Before Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Lord Justice Leggatt

[Judgment November 10]

There was a triable issue where the owners of a property company and solicitor were alleged to have conspired by means of fraudulent misrepresentation to induce potential tenants to accept leases containing trick clauses which would make it impossible for the tenants to keep the leases for their full term.

The Court of Appeal so held in granting an appeal by Mr Brian Whyfe and Mrs June Whyfe from the striking out on October 26, 1992 by order of Sir Godfray Le Quesne, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, of allegations of conspiracy against the third defendant, Mr David Houghton, the fourth defendant, Mrs Diana Houghton, and the fifth defendant, Mrs Carol F. Lewis, a solicitor.

Mr Stephen Miller, QC and Mr Roger Evans for the plaintiffs; Mr Nicholas Le Poidevin for the third and fourth defendants; Mr David Hodge for the fifth defendant; the first defendant, Michael Cullen & Partners, and the second defendant, Blue Dolphin (Fish Restaurants) Ltd, did not appear and were not represented.

LORD JUSTICE LEGGATT said the plaintiffs claimed to be the victims of a scam whereby they and their solicitors were induced to accept a form of lease which the defendants knew was so unfair to the tenants as to render the rent uneconomic obliging them to surrender the lease.

The proceedings the subject of the appeal concerned only the striking out of claims against the third, fourth and fifth defendants. On any view the action would proceed against the first defendant, the solicitor who had accepted the lease on behalf of the plaintiffs, and against Blue Dolphin seeking rescission on the ground of mistake.

The third, fourth and fifth defendants had successfully argued below that the claim of conspiracy was unsustainable and since it was the only claim against them the action against them had been struck out.

The conspiracy alleged involved the use of unlawful means, namely fraudulent misrepresentation. The lease had a term of 15 years and contained a clause allowing the rent to be raised every three years by multiplying the existing rent by "the numerical fraction which shall have as its denominator the figure for the index of retail prices for September 1984 (355.5) and as its numerator the figure for the index of retail prices for the month three months prior to the date of review".

That produced a compounding effect which could multiply the rent ten-fold if price rose by 8 per cent a year. A second provision in the lease, at the end of a clause otherwise concerned with the service of notices, stated "section 144 of the Law of Property Act 1925 shall not apply to this lease".

The effect of that was to allow the landlord to levy a fine for a license to assign. A third clause was subtly worded to produce the effect that an assignee would be unable to charge the lease.

The statement of claim repeatedly spoke of a "trick lease" but that was a barren device to make good by emotive language what the plaintiffs' argument lacked in intellectual content.

The argument was that no prospective tenant properly advised would have accepted a lease in those terms. Mr Miller had alleged that the leases were deliberately misleading although they contained no overt falsehood. The respondents had successfully argued before the judge that there was no such thing as a lease on standard commercial terms, nor were there standard provisions for rent review and that no implied representation was made by the mere submission of a draft lease other than that it contained the terms it did contain.

They had argued that it was logically impossible for the submission of one set of terms to amount to a representation that another set of terms was being submitted.

It was clear on the assumptions the court was obliged to make that the defendants intended to deceive and so to defraud the plaintiffs. The difficulty was to formulate the misrepresentation in relation to the arguments that a careful reading of the draft lease would have revealed its true nature.

On the assumption that the allegations were true, the third, fourth and fifth defendants with intent to deceive had submitted a draft lease which purported to be for 15 years but was (a) so obscurely drafted as to be likely to escape detection and (b) so onerous as to oblige the tenant to surrender and lose the substantial premium paid for it.

The plaintiffs had now succeeded in formulating a misrepresentation which deserved to be considered at trial.

Lord Justice Stuart-Smith gave a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Butler-Sloss agreed.

Solicitors: Clifton Ingram, Wokingham; Colemans, Maidenhead; Barlow Lyde & Gilbert.

Definition of 'gypsy' under Act

Regina v South Hams District Council, Ex parte Gibb
Regina v Gloucestershire County Council, Ex parte Davies
Regina v Warwickshire County Council, Ex parte Walker

Before Mr Justice Harrison

[Judgment November 3]

The definition of "gypsy" for the purpose of the Caravan Sites Act 1968, by which and for whom local authorities had a duty to provide sites, was capable of embracing persons other than traditional gypsies so long as they could be said to have a nomadic habit of life which imported more than just the habit of wandering or travelling but moving from place to place with a purpose in mind as a necessary and characteristic part of their lives.

Mr Justice Harrison so held in the Queen's Bench Division when refusing the separate applications of John Michael Gibb, Stephen Davies and Carol Anne Walker for (i) orders of *certiorari* to quash the decisions of the respondents, South Hams District Council, Gloucestershire County Council and Warwickshire County Council, respectively, concerning land occupied by the respective applicants; (ii) orders of *mandamus* requiring the authorities to provide adequate accommodation for gypsies residing in or resorting to their area in accordance with their duty under section 6 of the Caravan Sites Act 1968 and (iii) further declaratory and injunctive relief.

Mr David Watkinson for the applicants; Mr Timothy Straker for the respondents.

MR JUSTICE HARRISON said the applicants had each come to occupy their respective sites together with others leading a similar life style. The respective local authorities had sought to evict them by proceedings in the county courts.

The applicants were not gypsies as traditionally understood but came from conventional backgrounds before taking to travelling, spending time during the summer at festivals and doing casual agricultural work such as fruit-picking in the late summer and sometimes seeking to remain in a site for the winter.

The first applicant had been following a wandering style of life since 1979 and the others since 1987 and 1985.

While one report from Mr Kerswell, vice-chairman of the National Gypsy Council had said he found the style of life of those he had spoken to "more or less indistinguishable from that of traditional gypsies", by others, including some of their own number, they were variously described as "hippies" or "new age travellers" and in some cases they sought actively to distinguish themselves from traditional gypsies.

In *Berkshire County Council v Bird and Another* (unreported, September 26, 1986) Mr Justice Leggatt described "habit of life" as being "a phrase meaning a manner of living so settled as to have become customary" and Mr Straker strongly relied upon that.

Mr Watkinson had submitted that if the words of the definition were wide enough to cover the travellers in the instant cases it did not matter that they might not have been in the contemplation of Parliament at the time of the legislation and he referred to *Attorney-General's Reference (No 5 of 1980)* ([1981] 1 WLR 88).

Section 16 of the 1968 Act defined "gypsies" as "Persons of nomadic habit of life, whatever their race or origin . . ." and excluded travelling showmen or circuses.

Both counsel relied on the *Shorter Oxford England Dictionary* which defined as nomad "one of a race or tribe which moves from place to place to find pasture; hence, one who lives a wandering life" and "nomadic" as: "1 Characterised by, or leading, a wandering life. 2 Peculiar to, distinctive of, a wandering people or manner of life."

"Habit" was "A settled disposition or tendency to act in a certain way . . .: a settled practice, custom usage; a customary manner of acting."

In *Mole Valley District Council v Smith* ([1992] 24 HLR 442) Lord Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, having remarked that the definition of "gypsy" in the 1968 Act was "not a particularly happy definition, although it may well be that no better can be produced" said (at p445) "I accept the approach of the appendix to the secretary of state's Circular No 28/77 which regards 'gypsies' as a recognisable (if ill defined) cohesive and separate group within our society with strong internal social ties."

His Lordship was conscious of the warning given by Mr Justice Brooke in *R v Gloucester County Council, Ex parte Dutton* ([1992] 24 HLR 246) that it would be unwise for a judge at first instance to attempt a tighter definition of the words "gypsy residing or resorting to their area" than that provided by Parliament but in the present case where the meaning of the definition of "gypsy" was an important issue it was inevitable to consider the meaning to the extent necessary to determine whether the councils had misdirected themselves in law on that point.

It was clear that a person might be a traditional gypsy, as the term was understood, yet not be gypsy within the definition of the 1968 Act. Whether a person had lost the nomadic habit of life and similarly whether he had acquired it would be a question of fact in each case. With traditional gypsies the latter would not usually arise as a nomadic habit of life was generally inherent in their traditional lifestyle.

The definition of "gypsy" in the 1968 Act was capable of embracing persons other than traditional gypsies so long as they could be said to have a nomadic habit of life. If that simply meant a settled practice of leading a wandering life, as contended on behalf of the applicants, they might well be able to persuade a local authority that they came within the definition of the 1968 Act. Those words however, in particular "nomadic" imported something more than that, more than just the habit of wandering or travelling.

His Lordship agreed with Mr Justice Leggatt in *Berkshire CC v Bird* that the term "nomadic" in the 1968 Act still presupposed a type of person who moved from place to place with a purpose in mind. That purpose was a necessary and characteristic part of the life of a nomad in the sense of the original derivation of that word.

A local authority could properly take into account the characteristics of a traditional gypsy because there was a likelihood that a person with those characteristics would have a nomadic habit of life, although of course the mere fact that a person did not have them did not mean that they did not have a nomadic habit of life. On the other hand the necessary purpose and settled, enduring character of a nomadic habit of life were not easily or quickly acquired.

Solicitors: Cartridges, Exeter for Gibb; Bobbetts Mackan, Bristol for Davies; Harts, Leicester for Walker; Mr D. J. Incoll, Totnes; Mr Ian Wotherspoon, Gloucester; Mr David Carter, Warwick.

Applying to extend validity of writ

Singh (Joginder) v Duport Harper Foundries Ltd

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Farquharson and Lord Justice Henry

[Judgment November 3]

Where a litigant applied for an extension of the validity of a writ, Order 6, rule 8 of the Rules of the Supreme Court applied, so that the application had to be made during the validity of the writ. Only one extension not exceeding four months could be granted on a particular application.

Relief under Order 6, rule 8 could not be granted if the litigant had not conformed with its requirements. Exceptionally, the court would grant an extension under Order 2, rule 1 and Order 3, rule 5 if there was good reason for such an extension.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by the defendants, Duport Harper Foundries Ltd, from the decision of Judge Black who, sitting as a High Court judge on July 17, 1992, had upheld the decision of District Judge Merriman dated March 4, 1992 granting the application of the plaintiff, Joginder Singh, to extend the validity of the writ.

The plaintiff claimed damages for an accident at work on April 29, 1988 but did not issue a writ until April 5, 1991. The writ was not served and its validity expired on August 5, 1991. On January 10, 1992 the plaintiff applied for the validity of the writ to be extended. On March 4, 1992 the district judge granted an extension of seven months.

Mr Jeremy Pendlebury for the defendants; Mr Michael Conry for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE FARQUHARSON said that the argument turned on the meaning of Order 6, rule 8. Sub-rule 1(b) provided that the writ was valid in the first instance for four months, begining with the date of issue. Sub-rule 2 gave the court power to extend the validity of the writ.

The judge based his decision on sub-rule 2A stating that he was satisfied that it gave the court a discretion to extend the validity of the writ for up to 12 months.

In his Lordship's judgment, the judge erred in his interpretation of the sub-rule 2A.

While it undoubtedly gave the court a discretion to extend the validity of the writ for up to 12 months it did so only in specifically defined circumstances, namely, where despite the making of all reasonable efforts, it might not be possible to serve the writ within four months.

It was a provision designed to meet a situation where the defendant could not readily be served because, for example, he had gone abroad. In the present case there was no difficulty in serving the defendants and there was no evidence of any need to make all reasonable efforts to do so. Accordingly, if the plaintiff was to succeed in the appeal he had to do so under sub-rule 2.

The defendants submitted that the district judge had no jurisdiction to extend the validity of the writ in the terms he did because: (i) he had no power to extend the validity for a period in excess of four months, at any one time and (ii) because any application under Order 6, rule 8(2) had to be made either during the period of the original validity of the writ, or during the period of four months next following.

His Lordship could see no answer to the first submission. The words in the sub-rule "from time to time" refuted the suggestion that more than one renewal could be granted on the same day.

Furthermore, the sub-rule stated that the extension granted was for such period not exceeding four months at any one time. Yet the district judge ordered an extension of seven months.

The defendants were right in their submission that the district judge had exceeded his jurisdiction.

As for the second submission, it was difficult to reconcile all the authorities cited but the following propositions should be applied:

1 Where a litigant sought an extension of the validity of a writ, Order 6, rule 8 would apply;

2 An application under that rule had to be made during the validity of the writ, that is, four months in the usual case, or during the four months next following;

3 Only one extension could be granted on a particular application and that had to be for a period not exceeding four months;

4 If the litigant had not conformed with the requirements of the rule he could not be granted relief under Order 6, rule 8, and

5 In exceptional circumstances and where the interests of justice so required, the court would entertain an application to extend the validity of the writ under Order 2, rule 1 and Order 3, rule 5.

Before the court would extend the validity of the writ the applicant had to show that there was good reason for such an extension, and, where appropriate, provide a satisfactory explanation for the failure to apply during the period of the original validity.

In the present case, it would not be possible to say that the plaintiff had satisfied the court that there was good reason for the delay. The explanation that the plaintiff's legal representative had made an error in not serving the writ was insufficient to discharge the burden on the plaintiff. Even if Order 3, rule 4 or Order 2, rule 1 had been relied on, there could have been no question of the test in proposition 5 above being satisfied.

Lord Justice Henry and Lord Justice Neill agreed.

Solicitors: William Hatton, Dudley; Peter J. Edwards & Co, Birmingham.

Reasons must be given to justify banning teacher

Regina v Secretary of State for Education, Ex parte Standish

Before Mr Justice Potts

[Judgment November 5]

The Secretary of State for Education should make express findings of fact and give reasons for his decision when debarring a teacher from his employment.

Mr Justice Potts so held in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division granting judicial review by way of *certiorari* to the applicant, Mark Joseph Elexci Standish, against the decision of the secretary of state made on February 14, 1992 to issue a direction debarring him from teaching and conveyed to him in a letter dated February 17, 1992 and the secretary of state's further decision conveyed by letter dated March 19, 1992 not to give reasons for his decision.

The secretary of state upon the basis of the applicant's possession or authorship of certain obscene material had directed that he be debarred from teaching any child at a boarding school maintained by a local education authority, a special school, a grant-maintained school or being employed by a local education authority in a capacity otherwise than as a teacher or in a school which would involve regular contact with children or young people under the age of 19. The direction was made in pursuant to regulation 10 of the Education (Teachers) Regulations (SI 1989 No 1319).

Mr Phillip Engelman for the applicant; Mr Robert Jay for the respondent.

MR JUSTICE POTTS said that the purpose of regulation 10 of the 1989 Regulations in conjunction with regulation 9(1), was to enable the secretary of state to bar a teacher who did not have the health or physical capacity for the relevant employment as a teacher. That involved consideration of the teacher's health and the effect of the condition diagnosed on his fitness to teach.

The risk flowing to pupils from the condition identified was relevant. The risk, which had to be existing might take different forms.

The secretary of state reached his decision without an express finding of the applicant's health. The secretary of state did not identify the grounds upon which he came to his conclusion.

His Lordship found that to be unsatisfactory. His Lordship had assumed that the secretary of state concluded that the applicant, as the author of obscene material, was grossly disturbed and psychosexually oriented as such as to constitute a risk to pupils.

The applicant's retention of the obscene material was far too insubstantial on which to rest a direction to bar him from his employment. The direction being irrational and flawed had to be quashed.

In the absence of a written decision or reasons by the secretary of state, the court was not assisted by an affidavit produced on his behalf. The secretary of state should give consideration to the provision of a short written statement to the court setting out findings of facts and conclusions drawn therefrom.

He should also consider whether, in cases where the risk to pupils was of paramount concern, the present regulations drafted as they were, were appropriate.

Solicitors: Peter Liell, Oxford; Treasury Solicitor.

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As it opens a fine exhibition, a much-loved museum appears to be caught between present and past. **Nigel Hawkes** reports

Science's keepers reach the crossroads

Today a new and splendid gallery officially opens at the Science Museum in London. For the first time in ten years, it will be possible to see the collection of scientific instruments that once belonged to George III, a symphony in brass, silver, ebony and mahogany. The instruments recall an age when it was stylish to be interested in scientific demonstrations, when people of culture would pay good money for a course of lectures by Triboudet Demainbray, a peripatetic lecturer who travelled between the major cities of Britain and France, advertising his arrival in the local paper.

The new gallery combines Demainbray's own instruments with those of George III in a clean, classical style. But traditionalists at the museum temper their delight with the fear that this may be the last such gallery built, so out of keeping does it seem with the museum management's new emphasis on contemporary science.

Dr Neil Cossons, the director, denies it. "It's absolutely not the last of its kind," he says. Indeed, he sees no conflict between the museum's interest in the public understanding of science and a gallery that celebrates the same pursuit a couple of centuries ago.

The British Society for the History of Science is none the less concerned. "The new gallery was initiated before the change in policy," says its spokeswoman, Patricia Fara, of Darwin College, Cambridge, a specialist in 18th-century science. "An amazing amount of expertise has gone into creating it, and if the museum persists with its policy of getting rid of curators I am not sure where that scholarship is going to come from in future."

The gallery's opening today by the Duke of Kent is accompanied by the publication of a 710-page catalogue of the collection by Oxford University Press and the Science Museum. *Public and Private Science: the King George III Collection*, by Alan Morton and Jane Wess, is a magnificent book of the kind one hardly expects to see in straitened times. At £55, it is not going to trouble the best-seller lists, but OUP is pleased by sales so far.

Dr Morton, a senior curator at the museum, has also written a shorter and more affordable account, *Science in the 18th Century*, on sale in the museum shop. He sees the rise of the scientific instrument-makers (many of whom based themselves in Fleet Street, later the home of a less reputable trade) as part of the growing 18th-century market in consumption goods, such as tea, coffee and, indeed, newspapers.

The king's instrument-maker was George Adams, who worked under the sign of Tycho Brahe's head, in Fleet Street. He made telescopes, quadrants, globes, orreries, barometers, prisms and other ingenious contrivances. Some of the experiments would give pause to modern audiences.

At one end of the gallery is a reproduction of Joseph Wright of Derby's well-known painting of a bird in a bell jar slowly suffocating as the air is pumped out: small wonder that a couple of the children look distressed. More harmless were electrical toys which would send sparks flying, or spin round as electric charges leaked into the air, ringing a set of chimes.

Most extraordinary of all were two silver microscopes made by Adams, elaborately decorated with allegorical figures and other Baroque flourishes. The bulk of the collection is plainer, though beautifully made, and it is supplemented by other contemporary instruments.

Alan Irvine, the designer of the new gallery, has produced a glittering display with a minimum of textual explanation. The instruments and models are in glass cases, arranged by date and subject sequence. It is a modern interpretation of the traditional museum display, uninfluenced by the "hands-on" revolution or other devices designed to make science easily digestible.

Traditionalists fear that it might just be a last hurrah. The museum's plans, as outlined by Dr Cossons, are designed to reduce the number of curators by a quarter and to devote the money saved to bringing the rest of the museum up to the present day.

MICHAEL POWELL



Annette Henderson, a visitor to the "Science in the 18th Century" exhibition at London's Science Museum, admires a glass sphere made by Robert Long in 1742

It was, he says, never designed to be merely a repository of the past, but to explain contemporary science as well. "The last time we were able to do that was after the galleries were brought up to date in the early 1970s," he says. "Since then we have fallen behind again, and in many subject areas there is nothing in the museum covering the last 20 years of science and technology."

But Patricia Fara warns that the policy has costs. "Galleries of central importance to Britain's scientific history will be closed. Displays on electricity and magnetism, which include some apparatus of Michael Faraday, have already been removed to create space for a celebration of modern medicine." The museum, she asserts, "seems intent on dismantling the nation's historical record."

Dr David Bryden, a former Science Museum curator now at the National Museums of Scotland, sympathises. "The museum is divided over what its role should be — conserving the patrimony of science, or educating the public in modern science. Some of what they have been doing is very good, but it can't be all bread and circuses. If you want to forget history and just be a shop window for industry, then I don't think that's what the museum is for."

Dr Cossons's response to the criticisms is vigorous. Far from being the last gallery of its kind, the George III collection is actually the first for a very long time, he says. "No 'traditional' gallery — albeit in a modern idiom — has been opened since the 1960s. More important, there has never been a definitive catalogue of a collection published by this museum to the standard and scale of George III." Never, he says, have the collections been better served, and the George III gallery demonstrates the museum's commitment to scholarship.

Whatever one's view of the argument, everybody seems to agree that the new gallery is a fine addition to a well-loved museum. But it is unlikely to still the controversy over where the museum's future lies.

● *Science in the 18th Century opens to the public tomorrow at the Science Museum, London SW7 (071-938 8000)*

ROCK: Shawn Colvin entrances her audience at the Jazz Café

A talent to shout about

THANKS to some diligent live work in this country throughout 1993 and another admirable album, the whisper of approval for Shawn Colvin is finally getting some amplification.

An appearance at the Jazz Café in March was followed by good notices as Chris Isaak's guest in the summer, and Colvin is spending November in another supporting role, opening for Runrig on their UK tour. But she got her name above the title for this return to the London club where she gave that enchanting performance some months ago.

Now this 35-year-old native of South Dakota, an adopted New Yorker since the early 1980s, has honed a performing style that holds an audience in a trance. Working with two sympathetic sidemen in guitarist Steuart Smith and bassist Roly Salley, Colvin had everyone in the room standing to attention throughout a 95-minute set with some truly arresting and involving songs from their two albums so far, *Steady On* and *Fat City*.

The burden of the "next Joni Mitchell" nameplate has weighed down many a sensitive singer/songwriter, and occasionally something in Colvin's voice will make this knee-jerk comparison forgivable, particularly on "Kill the Messenger".

But she is now pulling free from that field of gravity and was even confident enough to flaunt the comparison by inviting Mitchell to make a walk-on instrumental contribution to *Fat City*, which was produced by Joni's husband, Larry Klein.

"To Joni Mitchell — me wimp, you master," reads the sleeve note, and while it's plain that Colvin has worn down her stylus on the great Canadian's records, she has fixed her own stylistic goalposts: literate and confessional at one end, universal and down to earth at the other. Songs from the current record such as "Round of Blues" and "Polaroids" have a lyrical darkness made lighter by the clean, acoustic optimism of their melodies.

Colvin returned to the first album several times, best of all for the haunting "Shotgun Down The Avalanche", and previewed next year's set, on which she plans to take a break from composition and on which she will perform a duet with her friend Mary-Chapin Carpenter, by singing Steve Earle's "Someday" and her bassist's country-tinged "Killing the Blues".

The set ended with an upbeat version of Bob Dylan's "You're Gonna Make Me Lonesome When You Go" and left us with the conviction that a talent this well-rounded and mature must be on its way to a bigger stage. The doctrine of Colvinism now deserves to sweep the nation.

PAUL SEXTON

TELEVISION: There are few laughs in life with *The Maitlands*

Having a tragic time, thanks to Chekhov

NEVER heard of *The Maitlands* (1932)? Never heard of its short-lived author, Ronald Mackenzie? Well, believe me, there is suspiciously little to be found in reference books.

After Saturday's interesting and worthwhile *Performance* revival on BBC2, naturally I ran for the shelves, yet drew a disheartening number of blanks. In fact, I had just started to suspect a clever conspiracy ("Play fobbed off as 'lost' classic: critics fooled") when I found John Gielgud's account of his own first night in *The Maitlands* in 1932, shortly after the writer's death. "At the end of the play, after many curtains, I stepped forward to speak about Mackenzie, when someone in the gallery shouted 'Rubbish!'." The next morning saw headlines such as "Dead author's play booed on first night" and "Wild scenes at Wyndhams".

The main recommendation of *The Maitlands*, at this distance in time, is its stagecraft. This chap really knew his stuff. In this drawing-room in the seaside village of Betworthy, Mackenzie's characters come and go with extraordinary fluidity ("Go and get a cloth!" "I'll just toddle along, then"), forever producing new and exciting combinations of people on stage. There is some good dialogue and a fine Chekhovian even-handedness, but the tone of Saturday's revival was curiously unmoving, even when it turned to tragedy at the end.

Unsurprisingly, the plot centres on a family called Maitland. First there is Mother (Eileen Atkins), who frets herself bug-eyed about the family's reduced circumstances; then Roger (Bill Nighy), a limply uxorious schoolmaster, whose attractive wife Dorothy (Harriet Walter) is absent until Act III; and younger brother Jack (Samuel West), a careerist rising actor visiting from London, who caddishly flirts with spiky cousin Phyllis (Jennifer Ehle), mainly to pass the time. Meanwhile, two outsiders, Joan (Emma Fielding) and The Major (Edward Fox), attempt to attach themselves to Roger and Phyllis respectively; and the major's gangly teenage son Arnold (Henry Power) is the miserable target of everyone's worst behaviour.



Edward Fox: wrong chap

"They all lose their tempers and take it out on me!" shouts the hapless Arnold. And presumably this pattern is significant. Should we really be so sympathetic to these selfish boors? Take Phyllis. Yes, her despair almost drives her into a loveless marriage with the pathetic Major; likewise it makes her susceptible to Jack, who predictably abandons her. Yet she is also a rat-bag, as evidenced by the way she screams at the defenceless boy.

What was this play about? Just blighted lives? Cruelty to Arnolds? In that case, it could have been a lot funnier. Director Lindsay Posner was surely too soft on the wittering mother, the blustering major. As characters, they should have been flat like ironing-boards, got some laughs, and then elicited sympathy at the end (so much more *English* that way). Edward Fox was entirely the wrong chap for the Major; ever since his stunning performance in Simon Gray's *Quartermaine's Terms*, his half-shut eyes and throttled vowels ("Teurn eet orff at tha meetah!") have melted one's heart automatically.

Gielgud says that Mackenzie was forever reading Chekhov, and unfortunately it showed. I wouldn't have missed *The Maitlands* — but having the final, tragic scenes take place against the strains of a marching band (a seaside carnival outside) was so precisely familiar from *Three Sisters* that it was almost embarrassing. "Gosh, I hope nobody gets tragically shot," one thought, with a careless laugh; at which there was a soft "Bang!" from off-stage, signalling the prompt demise of Dorothy. A dispiriting climax, but for quite the wrong reasons.

LYNNE TRUSS

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THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** on a Noël Coward comedy that is showing its age

Snobbery revived

Relative Values
Savoy

THERE are several ways of looking at Noël Coward's *Relative Values*, which has just come from Chichester via the theatrical tea-and-scone belt to the Savoy. It is a piece of social history, and a rather embarrassing one, since it shows how snobbish our nation and our theatre were only 40 years ago. It is a comedy and, at least at times, quite a funny one. Finally, it is a chance for theatregoers to relish the art-deco dreamscape which has risen from the flames that left the old, drab Savoy three-quarters destroyed back in 1990.

Susan Hampshire is still as radiant a dowager Countess of Marshwood as she was in Chichester, but Sara Crowe, not Sarah Brightman, now plays the Hollywood star who plans to marry her son, the umpteenth earl. It is a change for the better, but only a modest one. Crowe finds a toughness in Miranda Frayle that was missing before: yet the self-mocking humour that marked her recent performances in Coward's *Private Lives* and *Hay Fever* seems to have deserted her. It is as if she has been chilled by the sheer awfulness of the treatment to which Coward has subjected her.

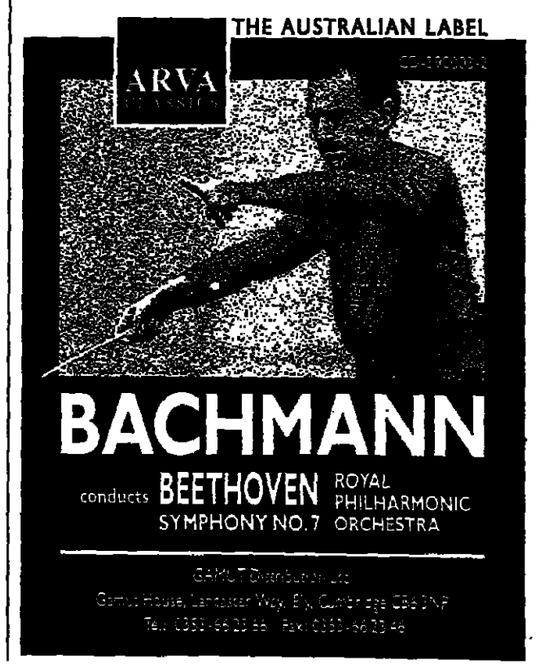
If so, who could blame her? The Coward who wrote *Hay Fever* in 1925 luxuriated in the bohemianism of the thesps at the play's centre and took a mischievous glee in the embarrassment they caused the conventional folk. But age, respectability and a socialist government reversed his views by roughly 180 degrees.

Lady Marshwood smilingly destroys her son's engagement, and in the view of the Coward of 1951 is right to do so, for Miranda is an actress, comes originally from Sidcup, and tells melodramatic fibs about her background. Indeed, the play ends with a toast to privilege proposed by the Marshwood butler, a man of Jeevesian wisdom and resource: "To the final inglorious disintegration of the most unlikely dream that ever troubled the foolish heart of man — social equality!"

You can see why John Osborne thought it necessary to invent Jimmy Porter and send him foaming and flailing into battle on his off-white charger. But you can also see why the original critics — Coward's "dear little *Daily Mirror*" excepted — were forgiving.

There are good comic moments, prime among them the episode in which Lady Marshwood's faithful maid, whose black-sheep sister Miranda turns out to be, is passed off as a woman of style and substance. Quite why Alison Fiske's Moxie should speak like an adenoidal antipodean bass from Stepney, I don't know; but her apologetic hauteur is amusing enough.

In any case, it is a happy accident that brings *Relative Values* to the theatre where it had its premiere 42 years ago. The Savoy looks as fresh as it must have done in 1929, when Basil Ionides designed those Chinese-style friezes and gave them that silver-and-gold shimmer. The play may have greyed and faded: the playhouse has recovered its lost youth.



TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

DR FAUSTUS. Jonathan Cullen plays the curious scholar tempted by Hugh Ross as Mephistophilis. Philip Franks directs Marlowe, murdered 400 years ago in the neighbouring borough. **Greenwich Theatre**, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755) Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm. Till Dec 11.

LONDON CITY BALLET A selection of programmes are on offer during the company's week of performances. *Coppelia*, with choreography adapted from St Léon's original work, additional choreography by Harold King and staging by Cecilia Barrett; a revival of *Les Sylphides*, one of Mikhail Fokine's most celebrated and lyrical works to music by Chopin; Frederick Ashton's charming *Les Patineurs*; plus the very theatrical *Three Dances to Japanese Music*. Tickets also available for a gala black tie evening on Friday. **Fairfield Halls**, Park Lane, Croydon (081-688 9291). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed 2.30pm and Sat, 3pm.

THE MAGIC FLUTE: In this run of Martin Duncan's enjoyable staging of Mozart's masterpiece, the roles are shared between two impressive casts. The first, preforming all this week, includes Sumi Jo, Amanda Roocroft, Tinuke Olafimihan, Kurt Streit, Peter Coleman-Wright and Robert Lloyd. Andrew Parrott conducts. **Royal Opera House**, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911). Mon, Wed and Fri, 7pm.

THE WASPS. Aquila Productions present Aristophanes's stinging comedy about a legal system controlled by prejudiced old men. Sounds familiar. In repertoire with *Coriolanus* for two weeks only. **The Place**, 17 Dukes Road, WC1 (071 387 0031). *Wasps* opens tonight: Mon, Wed, Fri 8pm; mats Tue, Thurs 12 noon and Sat 2pm. *Coriolanus* opens Nov 16: Tue, Thurs, Sat 8pm.

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: Elaine Paige gives a riveting performance as **Edith Piaf**, recreating the roller-coaster that was the enchanting chanteuse's life. Scheduled for the West End beginning Dec 13th, not suitable for children. **Hippodrome**, Hurst Street (021-622 7486) Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 3pm.
Also in Birmingham for one week, **The Cemetery Club**: a hilarious story of three Jewish widows whose lust for life throws them back into the dating game. Set in autumn in New York, the action takes place as they tend the graves of their dearly departed. Starring Millicent Martin, Anne Charleston, Judy Cornwell. **Alexandra**, Suffolk Street, Queensway (021-633 3325). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

EDINBURGH: The **Chilingirian String Quartet**, one of Britain's most celebrated ensembles, performs Mozart (Quartet K499), Hugh Wood (Quartet No 4) and Schubert (Quartet No 14 in D minor, "Death and the Maiden").
Queen's Hall, Clerk Street (031-668 2019). Tonight, 7.45pm.

LEEDS: To mark the 15th anniversary of **Opera North**, Joan Rodgers heads the cast in David McVicar's new production of **Il Re Pastore**. One of the most appealing of Mozart's less familiar operas, it was written when the composer was 19 and here performed in an English translation by Amanda Holden. Paul Daniel is the conductor. Set designs by Frank Higgins.
Grand Theatre, 46 New Briggate (0532 459351/440971). Mon, Thurs and Sat, 7.15pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

■ **THE ABSENCE OF WAR:** John Thaw stars in David Hare's study of the Labour Party. Brilliant, necessary, or unfair, depending on your point of view. **National** (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Wed, 7.15pm; mat Tue, 2pm. 180 mins.

◪ **ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL.** Good acting, especially by Sophie Thompson as husband-hunter, but in one of Shakespeare's poorer plays. **Pit**, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Thurs, 7.15pm, mat Thurs, 2pm.

■ **ANGELS IN AMERICA:** Religion, sex, Aids, corrupt politics: a vision of America at the edge of disaster. Tony Kushner's award-winning *Millenium Approaches* is in previews and is joined this week by its sequel *Perestroika*. **National** (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). **Perestroika** tonight-Tue, 7.15pm.

□ **ARCADIA:** Tom Stoppard in sparkling form brings together love, chaos theory and much else. With Felicity Kendal and Emma Fielding. **National** (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm, mats Tue, Thurs, 2.15pm. 180mins.

◪ **CAROUSEL:** Tuneful and cleverly set Rodgers and Hammerstein has the familiar mixture of the perceptive and the maudlin.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins.

□ **EUROVISION:** Roman Emperor Hadrian's love for Antinous mixed up with modern gay love backstage at the Eurovision Song Contest in Rome. Seriocomic farce by Tim Luscombe, starring Anita Dobson, James Dreyfus. With the all-too-typical song "Bim Bam Bom". **Vaudeville**, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9988). Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri, Sat 5.45pm and 8.40pm.

◪ **HOT STUFF:** The glitter and glam of the Seventies in a compilation musical from Paul Kerryson.
Cambridge, Earlham St, WC2 (071-494 5040). Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri, 6pm and 9pm; Sat, 5pm and 8pm.

□ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS:** Stephen Daldry's marvellously re-imagined version of Priestley's social thriller. **Aldwych**, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 5pm and 8.15pm; mat Wed, 2.30pm.

□ **LOOKING THROUGH A GLASS ONION:** John Waters stars in his own musical tribute to John Lennon, and comes remarkably close to conveying his mysterious, if chaotic, charm. **Criterion**, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri, Sat, 6pm and 9pm.

□ **MOONLIGHT:** Ian Holm and Anna Massey in the West End transfer of Pinter's play: a sour civil servant, unmourned by his family, rages against his approaching death.
Comedy, Panton St, SW1 (071-867 1045) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

◪ **OLEANNA:** Power, politics and punishment at an American university. Great performances from David Suchet and Lia Williams in Pinter's production of Mamet's play.
Duke of York's, St. Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

■ **ONE MAN:** Opening night for Steven Berkoff's electrifying performances in three solo pieces: Poe's *Telltale Heart*; *Actor*; and *Dog*, his hilarious, chilling view of life as seen by a lager lout's rottweiler.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5040). Tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm.

□ **RELATIVE VALUES.** Susan Hampshire, Sara Crowe and Alison Fiske head a strong cast in Coward's snobbish but clever comedy. Tim Luscombe directs. First seen at Chichester this summer.
Savoy, Strand, WC2 (071-836 8888) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

◪ **SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER:** Donald Sinden, Miriam Margolyes, David Essex in Peter Hall's revival of the evergreen Goldsmith comedy.
Queens, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm.

■ **TAMBURLAINE THE GREAT:** Antony Sher plays the gutsy, roaring tyrant for all it's worth. Terry Hands directs.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891) Tonight and Tue, 7.15pm.

LONG RUNNERS: □ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) □ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◪ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... ◪ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ... ◪ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ◪ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ■ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi Theatre (071-344 0055) ... □ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... □ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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NEW RELEASES

L'ACCOMPAGNATRICE (PG): Claude Miller's flawed but sensitive wartime drama, with Romane Bohringer as the young pianist whisked into a glamorous new world. **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Swiss Centre** (071-439 4470)

◆ **DEMOLITION MAN** (15): Sylvester Stallone versus Wesley Snipes in 21st century L.A. Overblown action romp with satirical touches. Director, Marco Brambilla.
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **GUILTY AS SIN** (15): D.A. Rebecca De Mornay falls under the spell of ladykiller Don Johnson. Foolish thriller, minus thrills. Director, Sidney Lumet. **MGMs: Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

THE REMAINS OF THE DAY (U): Life and lost chances of an English butler. Merchant Ivory's immaculate if chilly account of Kazuo Ishiguro's novel starring Anthony Hopkins and Emma Thompson.
Curzons: Mayfair (071-499 3737) **West End** (071-439 4805) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057)

CURRENT

THE CEMENT GARDEN (18): Uneven adaptation of Ian McEwan's novel about children's games with sexuality and death. Andrew Birkin directs Andrew Robertson, Charlotte Gainsbourg. **Metro** (071-437 0757) **MGMs: Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Piccadilly** (071-437 3561)

◆ **DAVE** (15): The US President's lookalike takes over. Beguiling comic fantasy, with Kevin Kline and Sigourney Weaver. Ivan Reitman directs.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Odeon Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

LA FILLE DE L'AIR (15): Criminal's wife (Béatrice Dalle) plots outrageous prison rescue. Maroun Bagdadi's real-life thriller flies high, lands with a bump.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631)

MR WONDERFUL (12): Electrical worker Mat Dillon tries to find his ex-wife a new man. Disarming candyfloss from director Anthony Minghella; with Annabella Sciorra.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098)

NAKED (18): Mike Leigh's excellent, uncomfortable Cannes prizewinner about London's lost souls, with David Thewlis as the amoral drifter who hits the pavements.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520)

◆ **THE REAL McCOY** (12): Penitent burglar Kim Basinger is forced to rob one more bank. Russell Mulcahy's muddled thriller with too few thrills. With Val Kilmer and Terence Stamp.
MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426-915 683) £3.5

◆ **RISING SUN** (18): Murder at a Japanese conglomerate's LA headquarters. Botched if handsome adaptation of Michael Crichton's book. With Wesley Snipes and Sean Connery; Philip Kaufman directs.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE** (PG): Meg Ryan makes a long-distance play for widower Tom Hanks. Smart but indulgent romantic comedy. Writer-director Nora Ephron.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

THE WEDDING BANQUET (15): Americanised immigrant from Taiwan fails to tell his parents he's gay. Delightful, caring cross-cultural comedy. Director, Ang Lee.
Metro (071-437 0757) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Piccadilly** (071-437 3561) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772)

THEATRE: **Richard Morrison** goes behind bars for a production of Loesser's masterpiece

Doing a stretch on Broadway

DONALD COOPER



"Luck be a Lady Tonight": Joseph Corbett (Sky Masterson) with the chorus of inmates, in Pimlico Opera's production at Wandsworth Prison

Guys and Dolls
Wandsworth Prison

THESE annual collaborations between the gentlemen detained at Her Majesty's pleasure in Wandsworth Prison and the young professional singers of Pimlico Opera are unlikely events, to put it mildly, but wildly successful ones. The prisoners — including some very bad boys indeed, judging from the droll allusions to past misdeeds in their programme autobiographies — bring a peculiar intensity to the chorus numbers, which they hurl out in thunderous baritones and dance with the manic energy of those whose opportunities for public display are necessarily limited.

The professional singers and orchestra, meanwhile, seem unusually exhilarated by the experience of staging a show behind locked doors in the grim environment of Wandsworth's "Gymnasium 1", transformed by banks of seating up two walls. As for the audience, well, making the transition from the outside world, via the forbidding Victorian gatehouse, through the huge security fence, past the Alsatians and searchlights, is a gruesome education in itself. They ought to put schoolchildren through the experience: juvenile crime would fall instantly.

Pimlico Opera's choice of show always has a wry aptness, too: *Sweeney Todd*, the serial-killer's opera, two years ago; the gang murders of *West Side Story* last year; and now the petty villains of Damon Runyan's Broadway, brought to life via Frank Loesser's brilliant musical *Guys and Dolls*.

Syd Ralph's production wisely placed the emphasis on exuberance and rough-hewn athleticism rather than slick choreography. Here were low-life set-pieces zinging with energy and quick-fire repartee: the crap-game in the cellar; the sleazy Hot Box Club with four gloriously funny chorus-girls (drafted in from outside the prison, I hasten to say). And those inmates who took on small solo parts put them over with terrific gusto.

As for the professionals, Wasfi Kani guided a 22-piece band cheerfully through Loesser's marvellous score — they could afford to inject even more pizzazz into the big numbers — and there were some fine performances among the principals. Mary King played Miss Adelaide, the well-known fiancée, with New York adenoids and a devastating sense of timing. A rumbustious Nicely-Nicely Johnson came from the superb Keel Watson, whose "Sit Down, You're Rocking the Boat" was the best number of the evening; and there were plenty of good comic touches, too, from Andrew Rivera's Nathan Detroit.

The ace-gambler Sky Masterson was played by Joseph Corbett: he is no Brando, but he put over "Luck be a Lady" well enough; and a pleasing soprano, Anne O'Neill, managed to make Sarah Brown's overnight transition from starchy Salvation Army officer to Bacardi-swigging good-time girl seem almost credible. Overall, well worth the price of admission — and for some in the cast, that was pretty high.

OPERA: **Rodney Milnes** reviews the belated British premiere of a sumptuous Massenet work

Patience brings rewards

Grisélidis
GSMD

MASSENET is having a good outing this season, with *Cendrillon* opening at WNO next week, and *Chérubin* and *Manon* following at Covent Garden next year. Last week the Guildhall School craftily sneaked in to launch this mini-Massenet-fest with the British premiere of *Grisélidis*, a spellbindingly beautiful work whose neglect both in France and elsewhere is incomprehensible.

It was first given at the Opéra-Comique in 1901, just five months before *Pélleas*. That fact alone suggests reasons for its only modest success by Massenet's standards: time was moving on.

Grisélidis is a transitional work: while there are still moments of fairly blatant grand-operatic bombast, much of it looks forward to the fully mature Massenet in the startling economy of means, the fastidious delicacy with which instrumental and harmonic colour is applied, the sensuousness of the melodies, the characteristic expressiveness of the word-setting. The prologue and first act are pure spun gold; if there are one or two bald patches in the two later acts, the opera moves forward so briskly that there is little enough time to fuss about them. As a piece of musical story-telling, *Grisélidis* is worthy of close study.

The story told, as also by Boccaccio and Chaucer, is that of Patient Grizel. Her constancy is tested, not by her own husband but during his absence at the crusades, by the Devil, a rich comedy role written for Lucien Fugère: as so often in late Massenet, his sense of humour tempers an undeniable penchant for religiose sentiment.

The GSMD did excellently by the work. David Lloyd-Jones matched the composer's forward impulse with zestful tempos, and he and the alert orchestra relished the score's colour, by turn sumptuous and delicate. If Caroline Gawn's production and Aldona Cunningham's designs had an economy look to them, both were in their greenery-yallery way faithful to the spirit of the opera.

There was some fine singing, if in clear rather than perfect French, from an exceptionally well-prepared student cast. Catrin Wyn-Davies's pure, sweet soprano was ideal for the title role and she had more than enough *spinto* left for the big moments. Gwyn Hughes Jones displayed a heroic baritone of formidable size as her husband, and the rangy Matthew Hargreaves sang the Devil with proper buffo glee. As Grisélidis's former suitor Alain, one of Massenet's most succulent tenor roles, Jeffrey Stewart fielded an enviably easy, open top register.

There are repeat performances, warmly recommended, tonight and on Wednesday.

CONCERT: A celebration of Gounod's centenary

Sweetness and celestial light

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THOSE who find the Fauré Requiem a touch cloying should try it after Gounod's St Cecilia Mass, when it sounds positively ascetic. That was the programme chosen by the Royal Choral Society to celebrate the centenary of the death of Gounod, its founder-conductor.

Mind you, "cloying" does not necessarily have to be taken pejoratively. Those of us who relish choruses of angels bringing redemption lapped it up. To describe a work like the St Cecilia Mass as sententious is, in any case, to miss the point. Gounod, like Rossini and Verdi in their sacred works, is more convincing the more operatic he is. The wonderfully unpredictable ending of the Credo, for example, with its celestial chorus against a backdrop of beatific harps, organ, flutes and piccolo, perfectly captures a vision of the life to come.

A similarly inspired passage opens the Gloria where, instead of the expected thundering acclamation, a soprano solo accompanied by harps, shimmering strings and a humming chorus, no less, sets off a thoughtful song of praise to the Almighty. The brass are reserved for the following section of the Gloria, and very thrilling it all sounded too. The Royal Choral Society now numbers a mere 200, against the 1,200 of Gounod's day, but under Laszlo Heltay's energetic direction it generated more than adequate volume and power.

The tenor John Graham Hall sounded slightly knocked off balance, but recovered to make as accomplished a contribution as those of his fellow-soloists, soprano Jenny Saunders and baritone Stephen Roberts. Saunders's light, boyish tone was heard to best advantage in the Fauré Requiem. Roberts was the voice of experience here: maturely musical and stylish as ever in his solos.

Especially in its larger orchestral guise, the Fauré can seem perilously saccharine. But Heltay was unapologetic, squeezing the last succulent drops from each movement in turn.

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Twilight of the demagogue

Peter Millar on Joseph Goebbels, the most intelligent of Hitler's cronies, whose diaries reveal the irrational hatred that drove him

GOEBBELS
By Ralf Georg Reuth
Translated by Krishna Winston
Constable, £19.95

Probably the most famous piece of party political propaganda in recent years was the Saatchi brothers' "Labour isn't working" dole queue poster which helped sweep Margaret Thatcher to power in 1979. Advertising men, like the rest of us, have their political preferences. But even the most dedicated Tory voter among them would have happily put forward a poster for the opposition — perhaps showing NHS waiting lists with the slogan "Conservatives couldn't care less" — if he thought it would win the contract. That is a sign of democracy and capitalism successfully cohabiting.

Joseph Goebbels, in many ways the first great manipulator of the mass market, had a fatal flaw in ad-industry terms: he believed totally in his product. Goebbels was first and foremost a master of the art of branding. It was he who turned the Nazi party rank-and-file's colloquial way of referring to Hitler as "the leader" into a talisman for the nation. Under Goebbels's wizardry the word *Führer* became the key to a spell, a *Führerbefehl* — an order from the leader — became the Nazi equivalent of heaven's command.

It was this power to seize an event or a person and elevate them to the status of an icon that characterised Goebbels's corrupted genius. When the stormtrooper Horst Wessel was killed in a tit-for-tat communist shooting in 1930, Goebbels raised him, like Christ from the dead or Hercules joining the gods, to the ranks of a new National Socialist pantheon in a speech filled with outrageously audacious blasphemous borrowings. Wessel was "a Christlike socialist" whose deeds proclaimed "come unto me, I will redeem you", an example of "redemption through sacrifice", which he twisted to equate with "victory through struggle".

In his graveside oration, Goebbels hit upon a masterstroke. He decreed that at the end of every roll-call at every meeting of stormtroopers Wessel's name would be added, and all would answer with one voice: "Here." He had personified — in the minds of his audience, deified — their *esprit de corps*. There was even a hymn to hand — an unremarkable little marching song written by the deceased — which in the hands of Goebbels's disc-jockeys, when he became Minister for Popular Enlightenment three years later, would become the best-known song in the country.

If centralisation of power has ultimately been the downfall of most totalitarian regimes, there is little doubt that in early years, it aids their consolidation. Today, with our multitude of competing radio stations, we consider the crowded airwaves guarantors of democracy. In the 1930s this young medium was considered by Goebbels "by nature authoritarian". Most importantly, he controlled not just the broadcasters, but the means of production: the Volk radio, later nicknamed the Goebbels-blaster, was made cheap enough to be available to all. And just in case, he also instituted the "Reich loudspeaker columns" in streets, squares and railway stations, a device that found favour with Stalin and persisted in the Soviet Union until the end of the 1980s, the stylised tonal rendering of "Moscow Nights" reminding that if Big Brother was not always watching you, he was always talking to you.

Ralf Georg Reuth's scholarly biography of this curiously bright, warped, limping little philanderer meticulously illustrates his search for a cause, and his dogged devotion to it up to the point where he manages "to induce his fellow Germans to abandon reason en masse in favour of blind faith". Often the facts speak for themselves, amply augmented by Goebbels's own diaries: his burning anti-Semitism, his contempt for even the processes of legality, in short the triumph of brand loyalty over humanity. It did for him in the end.

The head-hunter's job advertisement that Goebbels might have written for himself could have read: "Join the Nazi elite, enjoy rich rewards, a sumptuous lifestyle and the power of life and death." We must assume that he had even read the small print: on termination of the contract, the successful candidate will be required to murder his own wife and children and commit suicide. The wages of sin.



Goebbels as Nazi front man: a master of branding, he made the mistake of believing in his product

PAPERBACKS

SELECTED LETTERS OF PHILIP LARKIN 1940-1985
Edited by Anthony Thwaite
Faber, £12.99
THE letters that shocked many of Larkin's admirers with their racism, sniggering bum-talk and general misanthropy reveal a personal landscape more depressing than anything in his poems — a Mr Bleaney-land of bleak Sundays and nylon socks, pink Bronco and awful stews. Larkin had a complicated series of relationships with women, but the overwhelming tone is one of misogynistic dislike. There is a lot of sharp and enjoyable literary gossip lit by rays of wintry humour, but these would be dispiriting were it not for the glimpses they give of the private poet protected by the off-putting public persona.

RIVER GOD
By Wilbur Smith
Macmillan, £9.99
MATURING nicely with age, Smith tackles the elevated literary fields of ancient Egypt, and comes up with a full-blooded epic, with emphasis on the blood. The gorgeous princess Lostris is mad on the warrior and beef-cake Tanus, but Pharaoh claims her first, and the dream couple resort to perilous secret trysts to pursue their devotions. In this, they are helped by the talented eunuch Taita, narrator of the story, whose lack of generative organs conveniently allows access to both warship and harem. Thick with superlatives and plenty of action, the book also reveals fine attention to historical detail.

UNVEILED
Nuns Talking
By Mary Loudon
Vintage, £5.99
THE ten women interviewed here have one thing in common: a strong belief in the dynamic effects of prayer. In other respects their personal histories and their interpretations of their calling are quite different — from the barefoot nun in her enclosed Carmelite order to the Roman Catholic sister living in an Indian ashram and practising yoga and meditation. What is inspiring about all these strong, intelligent women is their honesty and unsentimental practicality, the feeling they give of vital engagement with the world around them. Anyone who still opposes the ordination of women should read what they have to say.

● *Contributors: Alexander Ross, Hazel Leslie*

Roughest of diamond rings

R.W. Johnson

THE LAST EMPIRE
De Beers, Diamonds and the World
By Stefan Kanfer
Hodder & Stoughton, £19.99

Sometimes silences are more important than the most imposing of declarations. Such a silence followed the victory in the 1948 South African elections of the Afrikaner Nationalists, hell-bent on nationalising the "Hoggenheimer" empire of De Beers and the Anglo-American Corporation. Nothing happened, or at least, somewhere behind closed doors an accommodation was reached and no more was heard of nationalisation.

Today the same business empires, still tied to the Oppenheimer family and still controlling the bulk of the country's mineral wealth, face the rising tide of another African nationalism — and once again it looks as if talk of nationalisation is going to fade into pregnant silence. Such are the great turning points of Africa's history where history refuses to turn.

It is idle to turn to Stefan Kanfer's book for illumination of such points. One is, indeed, amazed to be told that the author writes for *Time*. How, one wonders, can that magazine, sadly fallen though it may be, employ someone who refers to Africans as "natives", who misinforms one that Nelson Mandela spent 31 years in jail, who cannot spell the word "Afrikaner" or the name of the ANC's heir-apparent, Thabo Mbeki, and who thinks that "USSR" stood for "United Soviet Socialist Republic"?

What Kanfer has, of course, is a rattling good subject. De Beers may be smaller than Anglo-American, but it is a great deal more interesting — which is why all the Oppenheimers, father, son and grandson, Ernest, Harry and Nick — have been more taken with the diamond end of the business than the gold mines. (It is, by the way, an added irritation that Kanfer insists on addressing the middle Oppenheimer in familiar fashion as just "Harry" throughout the book, as if he were a family member himself.)

The fact is that the diamond business, ever since it began, has been full of gossip and romance. Kanfer has no difficulty in providing a flowing narrative, retailing the juiciest anecdotes he can find about Barney Barnato, Cecil Rhodes, the various Oppenheimers, John Williamson, Percy Sillitoe and sundry others.

It is a shock to realise that someone like John Williamson could exist so recently. It was only in 1940 that this eccentric Canadian geologist discovered his five-mile "lake" of diamonds at Mwadui in Tanganyika. And there he sat until 1958, wealthy beyond the dreams of Croesus.

He not only built a whole town at Mwadui, but his own private club, an airstrip and a reservoir to sail his yacht on. He would keep piles of diamonds in jam jars on his mantelpiece and took a wholly philosophical attitude to the rampant theft which resulted. He carried around a pair of scissors so that he could carry out his favourite practical joke of snipping off visitors' ties, allowed his house to be overrun by mongrels who excreted everywhere, even on his collection of rare Persian carpets and antique furniture, and would be in convulsions of laughter as his guests excitedly "discovered" the false gems he would scatter in the earth nearby.

He prided himself on his knitting and twice won the Aylesbury Women's Institute Silver Distaff Award for Needlework. A misogynist, he lived alone, rejected all of the hundreds of marriage offers which rained in, drank heavily and, when in one of his frequent rages, would throw diamonds all round the house. Poor Harry Oppenheimer had to negotiate with this Victorian madman and concede to him the right to produce 10 per cent of all the world's diamonds.

Kanfer is full of such yarns. If you want to read all about the chequered marital career of Mary Oppenheimer, the story of the endless sale and resale of the Taylor-Burton diamond, or have all the old chestnuts about Cecil Rhodes recycled, you can find it here. Those in search of a reliable contemporary analysis of the politics and economics of the world's most successful cartel will have to look elsewhere.

Tropic of Catherine

Claire Messud

SWIMMING IN THE VOLCANO
By Bob Shacochis
Picador, £15.99

Although his reputation in Britain has, until now, remained modest, Bob Shacochis is one of America's finest young short-story writers, and this, his first novel, is long-awaited. It is weighty, too: 519 pages of prose so closely packed that it reads with the ease of a telephone book.

The effort is not, however, a wasted one. *Swimming in the Volcano* is everything a first novel should be: serious, impressive, ambitious, highly accomplished and exciting despite its flaws.

The novel is set on an imaginary Caribbean island called St Catherine, in the spring of 1977. Mitchell Wilson, an American working on a local land development project, suddenly finds his life disrupted by the arrival of a former girlfriend, Johnnie, who trails around amid disorder and destruction and, above all, in a haze of drugs. At the same time, unwittingly, Wilson and his friends (in particular, a local taxi driver named Isaac Knowles) are hauled into the covert and ugly political scheming of this island nation. Wilson, naive to the last, believes in the power of his goodwill, and one of the book's repeated admonishments is that "All he had ever intended was to act decently, in his profession, in his private life, and now look at him." The road to hell and all that.

The island and its people (both native and imported, black and white) are conjured with satisfying richness and variety, and Shacochis is particularly good at capturing the cadences of the imagined local dialect. Frequently, his images startle and delight: as when an old beggar's trousers are seen as "decomposing pants with a purply sheen like the casing of a fly," or when he writes of a tropical downpour that "licks of steam rose from along the black girl's spine as though her spirit escaped, wisp after wisp."

This tendency to wallow in the glory of the sentence or the paragraph might, in other novels (those preoccupied only with style) suffice; but Shacochis has also set out a complex and driving plot, which occasionally balks and seems frustrated by the finery of its verbal clothing.

What results is a series of dazzling scenes and episodes which build a time and a world. From the roller-coaster last ride of Isaac's car at the novel's opening, through various marvellously drawn parties and dalliances, to Wilson's second visit to the volcano, the novel abounds in memorable and imaginatively powerful passages.

What suffers is the book's *novel-ness*, its fluidity, its pacing and wholeness; as though Shacochis the short-story teller were just learning, in the writing, the new demands of a looser form. But too much criticism would be churlish in the presence of so commanding a talent, and it is impossible to read *Swimming in the Volcano* without a sense of excitement at its accomplishments. While awaiting a second, possibly more "perfect" novel, it would be a shame to miss this sprawling, beautiful imperfection.

Cat-crazy, barking about dogs



Fifteenth-century stall misericord in Rodez Cathedral from *The Secret Life of Cats* (Aurum Press, £15.95)

Celia Haddon

THE LITERARY COMPANION TO DOGS
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THE CHATTO BOOK OF CATS
Edited by Francis Wheen
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Blind Homer created the first literary dog — faithful Argus lying on the rubbish heap, the only being to recognise Ulysses on his return home from his wanderings. These verses, written around 800 BC when household mousing was probably done by ferrets not cats, are the first text in *The Literary Companion to Dogs*. Alexander Pope, who translated the *Odyssey*, thought "Homer's account . . . the most pathetic imaginable . . . and an excellent proof of the old bard's good nature". John Ruskin, on the other hand, declared: "My pleasure in the entire *Odyssey* is diminished because Ulysses gives not a word of kindness or of regret to Argus."

Interlocking cross-references like these are one of the pleasures of this massive anthology. Christopher Hawtree, like a demented labrador, has compulsively retrieved not just poems such as Byron's epitaph on his Newfoundland dog and George Crabbe's moralistic reply, but also a collection of oddities such as the film star Peter Lawford's comment that "Lassie was a vicious bastard!", or John Bunyan's angry rhetorical question, "how many pounds do some men spend in a year on their dogs, when in the meanwhile the poor saints of God may starve for hunger?"

Some of these are good fun: the *Strand Magazine*'s description of a special pug umbrella, designed in 1896 by Messrs Barrett so that its wearer could not dislodge it; the account of how a performing poodle ousted Goethe from Weimar's State Theatre; or Henry Mayhew's interview with a street performer, who, with his hands tied behind him, ouzdid a terrier to kill 20 rats by mouth in a ratting pit.

This book is best used by starting with the indexes (decent ones) for the author or dog of your choice. Otherwise its arrangement is rather confusing. The poems and passages are apparently arranged chronologically, but dates are only occasionally given.

An easier arrangement by subject matter is found in *The Chatto Book of Cats*. Since dogs preceded cats into domestication by thousands of years, Francis Wheen has less literature to draw on. But there is plenty of good modern poetry in it. I particularly enjoyed Gavin Ewart's "For I rejoice in my cat Matty", a parody of Christopher Smart's poem to his cat Jeoffry.

There have been scores of cat anthologies since the first Italian one in 1741, and most of them, my own included, are unashamedly soppy. In an attempt to avoid this sentimentality Francis Wheen has included a whole section on the hatred of cats. The record of human brutality is painful reading for us cat lovers, as is the diatribe against cats by Hilaire Belloc:

"They are cruel: cruelty is even in Their tread and expression. They are hatefully Cruel."

Some of the funniest moments in this anthology depict human, rather than animal behaviour. We see Churchill in his long-johns on all fours, trying to coax his cat, Nelson, out from under a desk during an air raid. Then there is an unnamed admiral demonstrating that he can purr to Beverley Nichols over dinner.

Cat people, of which I am one, show a crawling devotion. Ernest Hemingway used to have his "most vulnerable parts" attacked by Boise, his wife's cat. He sat down one evening and gave Boise a little counselling session along the lines of "though I understand why you love her . . ." Gwen John put out meat parcels all over the suburb of St Cloud in an attempt to find her vanished cat, Tiger.

Both these are excellent anthologies, though Hawtree's — more than twice as long — is better value. Cats will probably do best this Christmas. Constancy and obedience to authority, the virtues of dogs like Argus, are out of fashion. Vaunting their emotional independence of us while scoffing large quantities of our expensive cat food, cats are the idols of our age.

Celia Haddon's Mischief and Delight: An Illustrated Anthology of Kittens *has just been published by Headline.*

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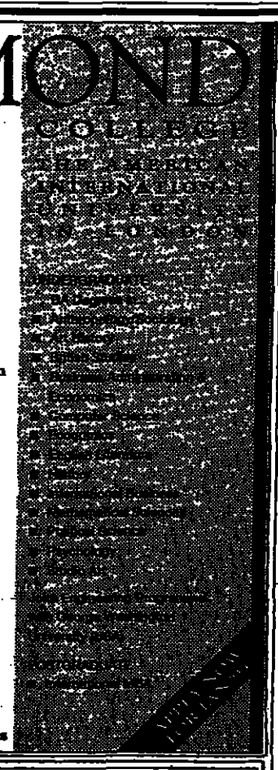
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EDUCATION

Dennis O'Keeffe on why truancy tables are fine in theory, but useless in practice

Making sense of absence


STEPHEN MARKESON

Whether students' absence is justified or not is hard for schools themselves to establish

This week the Department for Education will be publishing comparative tables of secondary school information. These will list examination results and vocational qualifications and, for the first time, rates of unauthorised absence, otherwise known as truancy. Unauthorised absence need not be truancy. It might be parental coercion; but this is a detail we will let pass.

The DFE's intention to publish league tables of truancy rates is in principle admirable. Government must not be deterred by objections as to differing starting points, the variations between the socio-economic profiles of schools. A school's truancy rate (how many pupils truant on average) is a good index of its academic performance. It does not correlate perfectly with the latter, but overall the connection between good attendance and performance is obvious, commonsensical and borne out by the evidence.

The chorus of complaint about the need for "value added" in relation to academic league tables was so much hypocrisy, putting the comfort of the system's employees before the interests of citizens, taxpayers and parents. It would help teachers too if they disassociated themselves from the academic establishment's perverse determination to keep the public in the dark about educational facts. Openness and willing accountability would assist the struggle to raise the desperately low status of teachers.

The problem with truancy, however, is that within our present powers of fact-gathering, we cannot produce accurate returns on justified and unjustified absence. The University of North London Truancy Unit was able to, on the survey it did for the DFE (published in draft form in June this year) because it went into the schools and, using anonymous, confidential questionnaires, asked the pupils themselves whether they truanted and if so why.

Schools cannot do this. Yet they themselves have gathered the data the DFE is to publish. They are effectively estimating their own blanket truancy — that is when students do not come to school at all for half a day or more. But even the most punctilious heads will have no way of knowing whether every "justified" absence is indeed justified. Many excusing letters may contain false information from parents, friends, siblings or even the students themselves.

There is also the well known problem of moral hazard in voluntary reporting. If it is suspected that other heads are being economical with the truth, then usually scrupulous men and women may be encouraged to follow suit. The result will be a massive under-representation of the facts.

Moreover, the proposed procedures offend against a key principle of natural justice, namely that no one shall be advocate or judge in his own cause. We are asking schools to comment, potentially adversely, on themselves. Impartiality is thus almost impossible.

Worse still, there is no provision, nor is it feasible that there could be, for the recording of post-registration truancy. The North London study showed that this is statistically much the more significant form of truancy. There are technologies available which in time could make post-registration truancy more controllable than blanket truancy. But these are expensive and as yet unproven. To try to accumulate such data by conventional checkups on all lessons would require vast expenditure of scarce time and resources, and yield unreliable results anyway.

The government thinks truancy is intimately connected with crime. Here common sense may be misleading. Research is needed, but there is no solid evidence yet. To link crime and bunking off is rather like associating tea with heroin. The sequence is trivial, rather than provenly causal.

A part of youth culture, and therefore some truancy, are obviously deviant. But are we speaking of blanket truancy or post-registration truancy? What is the criminal culture of truancy? It exerts no inevitable, mechanistic spell. Girls truant almost as much as boys, but their criminal deviance is much less.

There is a way round the league table problem. The results could show both raw examination achievements, as at present, and a "value added" parallel calculation. People could compare these two "objective" measures, both untainted by the problem of self-reporting. The truancy returns, by contrast, belong in the category "highly desirable in principle but not yet manageable". The government may be promoting bad feeling without the compensation of useful evidence at its disposal.

● *The author is the director of the University of North London Truancy Unit.*

Blueprint that may colour the future

Britain's education system could be radically altered by a report published today. **John O'Leary** reports

Today could see the educational event of the decade or the most weighty damp squib in living memory. After two years of gestation, the National Commission on Education is publishing its final report.

The document, which runs to 450 pages, with a statistical volume still to come, numbers the main learned societies among its sponsors. The exercise has been conducted with the aid of a £1 million grant from the Paul Hamlyn Foundation.

Having taken on the task of assessing the state of British education and prescribing a cure for its perceived ills, the self-appointed commission has no powers even to ensure a fair hearing for its proposals. But if the report can strike a chord with politicians and policy-makers, it could trigger a series of significant reforms.

Issues such as the extension of pre-school education, the broadening of the sixth-form curriculum and the reform of higher education funding are all waiting to be tackled. The commission could be the catalyst for action or an expensive cry in the wilderness.

The first proposals to emerge have already hit the headlines, but the early pointers to action have not been promising. The publication of the government's examination tables only a day after the commission's report may have been coincidence, but last week's announcements on A levels looked suspiciously like a pre-emptive strike.

Inevitably, there will be proposals in the report that appeal to ministers. The demand for more private funding of higher education is one example, but most of the recommendations for change are bound to be seen as criticism of existing policy.

Many of the main proposals have been made before, and will be easy to damn with the "educationally politically correct" label used last week by John Patten, the education secretary, to discredit those who favour the replacement of A levels. He has also ruled out the universal provision of nursery education, which the commission says is essential.

The last thing the commission needs is for its report to become a party political issue, but that is already happening. Labour has already seized on those proposals that have been leaked. Ann Taylor, Labour's education spokeswoman, said: "How will Mr Patten deal with the findings? I predict that, as ever, when faced with uncomfortable evidence, he will blame everyone except himself and his government."


Lord Walton: chairman

The 13 members of the commission cannot be dismissed as political animals, or representatives of the "educational establishment". Sir Claus Moser, the former warden of Wadham College, Oxford, whose 1990 speech to the British Association for the Advancement of Science provided the initial impetus for the inquiry, might fall into the latter category, but other members included businessmen and state school headteachers.

Lord Walton of Detchant, the commission's chairman, is alive to the dangers, but optimistic that the force of argument will win through. "There are many aspects of government policy which we support, but others are in need of change. I will measure our success by the level of consideration the government gives to our report and the extent to which they are willing to enter into dialogue."

He gives the government much of the credit for improvements noted by the commission since Sir Claus warned that Britain was in danger of becoming the least educated country in Europe.

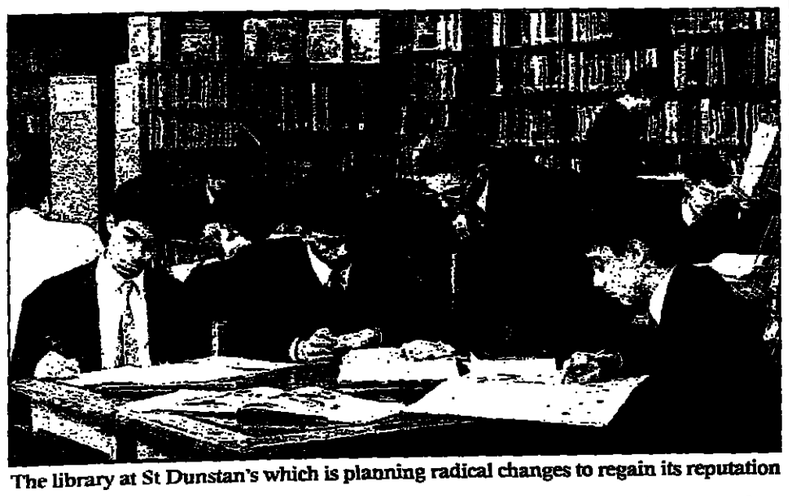
"We still have concerns about literacy and numeracy, the anti-education ethos evident in some parts of society and the danger that competition will produce sink schools, but there has been change for the better, brought about both by the government and the teaching profession."

Lord Walton, a former warden of Green College, Oxford, and chairman of the General Medical Council, initially refused to chair the commission in case he was seen as an elitist appointment. He now intends to make use of his position to initiate a debate in the House of Lords.

With several hundred written submissions, 40 hearings with representatives of government, unions and a range of other organisations, as well as study visits abroad to draw on, the body of evidence will be difficult to ignore. The seven working groups cover every phase of education. Two years ago, all the party leaders undertook to give serious consideration to the findings. This week will see what those guarantees were worth.

Right on the competitive edge

St Dunstan's College plots its way back up the league tables


The library at St Dunstan's which is planning radical changes to regain its reputation

Heads and schools throughout England are bracing themselves for League Table Day. When the GCSE results for every school are published on Wednesday there will be those basking in the sunlight at the top of the table while others languish in the bleak nether reaches or consider their position in the uncertain middle.

Not unreasonably, schools, even those that have done well, will complain that tables based solely on examination results are a crude indicator of how well they have performed with no regard to their intake or how well they have served their less able pupils.

There is equally no doubt that the tables are a concern to some independent schools where the results compare less favourably with state schools. The problem is particularly acute in the South East where where there is enormous competition for boys between a number of independent day schools and increasingly successful state schools, particularly those that have become grant-maintained.

For independent schools the question is stark: why should parents pay for something they can have for nothing?

As he sits in his study at St Dunstan's College, Catford, David Moore, the new headmaster, puts the finishing touches to a radical plan for reform to deal with the serious problems facing the 105-year-old school.

Twenty years ago the college had a reputation for being one of the leading academic schools in southeast London and had 949 pupils. This year's national A-level tables showed the school had slipped to 460th place, with 200 state schools above it. The GCSE tables will probably place the school around the 400 mark. There are now 720 pupils, including 120 in the prep school.

Mr Moore says: "There are fundamental flaws in the league tables, but they do serve to concentrate the mind. There is not a single person in this school who is going to dismiss league tables. Nobody is complacent. We know that there are shortcomings.

"Results are important, not just in themselves but as part of a coherent set of proposals. Academic standards are one of a number of things we have identified in analysing and reviewing everything that the school does."

His immediate aim is to move the school up the league tables so that it lies around the 150 to 200 mark. He believes that he has identified the reason for the decline. He says: "We have given clear guidance to staff and pupils so that they know what is expected of them. It is a feature of very many schools that expectations are not made clear. This is the most important thing to get across to staff and pupils."

Mr Moore, an old boy of Bradford Grammar School, arrived at St Dunstan's this September, after seven years as head of Ilford County High School, a boys' grammar school. Since then, his feet have hardly touched the ground.

There is much to do. An analysis of the school's strengths and weakness identified ten problem areas: numbers, results, competitors, facilities, perceptions, pupil expectation/activity, staff, management style, marketing, and the vision of the school.

In the first week a special governors' meeting was called to approved his radical plan for the school which, apart from raising academic standards, includes going co-educational and opening a pre-prep department next year. To back all this up, Mr Moore is also introducing a comprehensive programme of parental involvement in what he hopes will become the family school for the 21st century.

"This is not just a clever thing to say," says Mr Moore. "We mean to involve parents in a range of evening activities and those with specific skills may even be asked to take classes themselves."

Parents will be offered evening classes in modern languages, history, art and science and will be able to make use of the school's facilities, including the planned new sports hall.

Mr Moore stresses that the modernisation of St Dunstan's is not aimed simply at academic results or in upping the numbers, but to make sure that what he sees as the special qualities of St Dunstan's — its friendliness and caring attitude to its pupils to enable them to reach their potential — continue into the 21st century as a focal point for boys and girls and their families.

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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5,296.40	Abbey Ntl	404	-5	11.8	3.7	15.6
1,816.90	Allied Irish	276	-3	...	3.8	14.1
2,564.20	Anz New Z	196	...	...	4.5	...
9,932.30	Bankamerica	2793½	+43½	...	...	...
1,344.30	Bk of Ireland	286	+5	...	4.4	21.1
27.70	Bk Leumi UK	350	...	17.0	6.1	...
2,194.30	Bank Scotland	189	-3	4.6	3.1	25.7
9,313.90	Barclays	576	+17	...	2.7	...
6.44	Benchmark	4	...	...	...	...
5.70	Carlisle	19	+1½	...	...	...
133.60	Cater Allen	555	-10	27.0	6.1	...
157.20	Castles	142	-1	...	4.0	18.9
3,395.10	Chase Manh	2175	+78½	...	...	...
9,001.70	Citicorp	2462½	+118½	...	...	...
206.60	Close Bros	458	-1	...	3.0	16.7
4,095.60	Commerzbk	£137¾	+150	...	2.9	...
15,669.20	Deutsche Bk	£329	+290½	...	1.9	...
96.20	First Nat Fin	59	-12	...	1.1	...
40,565.90	Fuji Bank Y	1401	...	...	0.4	...
181.80	Gerrard Nat	466	-10	21.5	5.9	12.2
6,326.30	HSBC	771½	+36½	20.0	3.2	18.5
13,301.80	HSBC HK	782	+37	20.0	3.2	18.7
628.30	Hambros	358	-15	14.3	5.1	16.3
21.90	Joseph (L)	418	...	16.6	5.0	...
22.80	King Shaxson	144	-4	9.0	7.8	...
670.30	Kleinwort Ben	507	-6	16.7	4.1	17.6
7,241.80	Lloyds	564	+1	19.1	4.2	16.1
57.10	Lon Scot Bk	94½	...	2.9	3.8	18.7
7,227.90	Nat Aust Bk	550	-16	...	3.6	20.0
9,323.60	Nat West	562	+15	17.8	4.0	34.1
559.80	Provident	419	-1	12.4	3.7	18.1
20.40	Rea Bros	52	...	0.5	1.3	55.3
2,826.60	Ryl Bk Scot	356	-4	9.0	3.2	...
1,242.30	Schroders	1230	-28	...	1.2	24.5
2,483.80	Stand Chart	1043	+15	20.5	2.5	...
3,370.00	TSB	222	+1	6.4	3.6	...
31.90	Union Disc	168	...	...	...	...
1,807.60	Warburg SG	833	-57	...	3.0	12.1
4,303.30	Wells Fargo	7387½	+412½	...	2.6	...
3,453.80	Westpac	197	-1	...	4.0	...
27.10	Wintrust	320	...	9.3	3.6	28.6

BREWERIES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4,867.90	Allied-Lyons	550	-3	...	4.8	14.9
4,044.90	Bass	466	-12	19.1	5.1	10.1
296.70	Boddington	246	-17	7.5	3.8	14.3
230.50	Bulmer (HP)	439	...	...	2.9	19.2
34.70	Burtonwd Brw	167	+18	4.7	3.6	13.9
24.30	Eldridge P 'A'▲	125	+1	...	3.3	33.1
2,140.50	Fosters Brewing	66½	-2	...	3.9	∞
82.20	Fullr Sm 'A'▲	405	...	...	2.3	17.4
7,997.90	Grand Met	386	-3	12.5	4.1	12.7
753.70	Greenalls Grp	362	-13	12.0	4.2	12.0
240.70	Greene King	569	...	...	2.7	16.1
8,513.90	Guinness	424	+16	...	3.6	15.8
63.50	Hardy Hanson	254	...	7.8	3.8	14.1
3.50	Heavitree▲	138	...	3.0	2.9	32.0
412.40	Highland Distl	326	-8	...	2.6	16.0
93.00	Holt J	3100	+62	42.0	1.7	21.2
4.15	Hoskins Brew	71	-3	...	...	51.1
382.50	Invergordn Dist	300	...	...	3.0	17.1
146.80	Macallan-Glen	126	-5	4.3	4.3	28.3
53.40	Macdn Martn 'A'	393	+3	...	2.8	18.7
123.30	Mansfield	193	-5	...	2.5	13.8
246.40	Mrston Thmp	272	-11	...	2.5	16.4
120.50	Matthew Clark	531	+17	...	4.2	17.7
29.60	Mrrydwn W	244	-4	7.0	3.6	19.3
109.80	Morland	518	-1	8.7	2.1	20.6
4.15	Paramount▲	8½	-½	...	2.1	∞
27.40	Regent Inns	187	...	...	3.0	19.0
5,761.00	SA Breweries	1065	+35	...	2.5	18.0
1,971.20	Scot & New	466	-8	...	4.5	14.5
209.90	Taunton Cider	192	-1	6.0	3.9	15.7
368.10	Vaux Group	266	-2	9.3	4.4	18.3
102.40	Wetherspoon JD	327 †	-27	...	2.1	25.4
2,188.00	Whitbread 'A'	483	-9	...	4.6	13.0
188.30	-do- 'B'	1148	-22	...	1.9	28.8
305.80	Wolvrhmptn D	464	-14	11.8	3.2	13.0
13.90	Young 'A'	478	...	14.5	3.8	19.8

BUILDING, ROADS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
52.30	Abbey	135	...	...	1.7	22.2
13.70	Albrighton▲	19	+2	...	...	...
37.30	Allen▲	140	...	5.0	4.5	31.7
226.20	Amec	112	-1	3.0	3.3	20.7
2.48	Anglia Sec	7½	...	...	...	...
96.60	Ashtead▲	322 †	-3	...	1.8	34.1
381.50	Atwoods	135	+9	5.0	4.7	∞
1,282.90	BPB Ind	258	-7	...	3.6	44.4
35.70	Baggeridge Brk	90	...	3.1	4.3	30.2
2.82	Bailey (Benj) Con	27	...	0.6	2.8	...
16.20	Barcom	97	-3	1.2	1.8	15.8
215.70	Bardon	39	-2	2.0	6.4	19.2
316.20	Barratt Devs	175	-5	4.0	2.9	∞
221.10	Bellway	453	-3	12.0	3.4	∞
17.10	Bellwinch	39	-1	...	...	...
327.50	Berkeley Gp	427	-9	...	1.8	26.8
14.30	Best Bros	95	...	...	0.7	3.9
13.80	Blockleys	54	-1	1.0	2.3	59.7
2,045.40	Blue Circle	296	+5	...	4.8	...
69.90	Boot (Henry)	269 †	...	6.0	2.8	15.0
25.60	Breedon PLC	90	-2	4.6	6.4	23.1
21.80	Br Dredging	124 †	-1	5.2	5.2	27.5
19.30	Brit Fittings	81	-2	1.7	2.7	...
383.40	Bryant	139	-1	...	4.3	28.1
42.60	CALA	121	...	...	2.4	...
1,115.40	CRH	320	+1	...	2.7	17.6
1.80	Cakebread Rby	30	...	...	...	...
138.60	Costain	2½	-2½	...	...	...
111.40	Countryside	146	-2	...	3.5	38.6
72.70	Crest Nicholson	95	+1	0.0	...	...
16.20	Cussins	91	...	...	1.4	...
1.91	Dunton▲	4	...	...	...	...
10.00	Edmond Hldgs	19	...	0.3	2.0	...
54.00	Epwin	274	-2	7.0	3.2	23.2
26.00	Erith	55	-2	0.3	0.8	...
48.80	Eve Group▲	504	-2	...	2.5	18.2
3.95	Explaura▲	3½	...	...	...	...
9.06	Freeman Gp▲	131	+2	...	4.8	20.8
33.70	Galliford	38	-2	1.0	3.3	∞
1.39	Gibbs & Dandy	80	+5	...	3.1	...
93.20	Gleeson (MJ)	923	...	12.7	1.7	∞
286.70	Hewden-Stuart	150½	-11½	...	2.7	26.8
3.97	Hewetson	46	...	...	3.4	34.0
261.80	Heywd Wlm	350	-4	12.5	4.5	...
48.80	Higgs & Hill	111 †	...	2.5	2.8	...
11.10	How Gp	27	...	...	5.2	...
5.38	Howard Hldgs	21	...	0.5	3.0	...
157.70	Ibstock Johnsen	63	...	1.0	2.0	...
9.15	Jarvis	13½	-½	...	...	...
136.90	Laing (J)	299	-4	9.0	3.8	12.0
49.40	-do- 6¼% Cv Pf	123	-1	...	6.9	...
9.35	Ld Clydeside▲	103	...	4.5	5.5	38.8
12.90	Lovell (YJ)	15½	-½	...	...	7.0
112.20	Manders	300	+1	9.3	3.9	18.4
448.60	Marley	158	-7	4.2	3.3	40.3
130.00	Marshalls	107	-1	...	4.7	73.7
45.90	Maunders (J)	186	...	5.1	3.5	∞
116.40	McAlpine (A)	206	-9	6.5	3.9	35.7
28.10	McCarthy & S	40	-2	0.5	1.6	...
547.80	Meyer Int	440	+6	...	2.8	44.1
130.10	Mowlem (J)	120	+3	4.0	4.2	...
25.70	NSM	150	-9	...	...	...
9.39	Needler▲	50	...	...	3.6	23.4
181.10	Newman Tnks	150	-4	...	5.6	20.0
279.90	Persimmon	285	-7	8.6	3.8	29.1
2.34	Phoenix Timber	10	...	...	...	...
15.90	Pochins	1525	...	29.0	2.4	21.5
116.30	Prowting	150	+2	3.4	2.9	...
5.05	Quiligotti▲	1½	...	...	...	...
1,622.90	RMC Gp	828	+22	...	3.0	31.1
113.70	Raine Ind	70½	-3½	...	4.9	18.1
2.36	Ramus▲	20	...	...	...	...
2,656.30	Redland	526	+4	25.0	5.9	30.6
12.80	Roskel	85	-1	4.3	6.3	12.5
813.40	Rugby Group	278	-1	6.4	2.9	21.3
10.50	Swfld-Rve▲	67	...	...	0.5	...
33.10	Sharpe & Fisher	160	...	...	3.1	27.8
150.00	Sheffield Insl	230	-5	...	2.9	56.4
18.40	Sherif Hldgs▲	175	+5	...	1.6	26.1
3.19	Shorco▲	93	+5	...	7.0	21.1
22.70	Smart (J)	225	...	8.5	4.9	∞
10.10	Starmin	3	...	...	...	...
1,229.30	Tarmac	134	+1	5.5	5.1	...
38.80	Tay Homes	177	...	...	4.1	21.0
484.80	Taylor Woodrw	116	-2	1.0	1.1	...
201.10	Tilbury Dougls	595	-3	33.0	6.9	19.4
3.66	Torex Hire▲	36	...	...	1.4	...
282.80	Travis Perkins	277	-4	8.0	3.6	48.8
11.20	Try Group	26	-1	1.0	4.8	7.4
2.30	Tudor▲	21	-2	...	1.5	...
45.50	Vibroplant	99	+3	2.5	3.2	35.6
20.00	Ward Hldgs	38	-2	...	...	...
0.88	Waterhouse	35	...	...	...	...
88.40	Watts Blake	425	...	...	3.5	18.3
4.41	Wescol▲	18	...	...	...	...
113.10	Westbury	170	-4	5.0	3.7	26.3
3.66	West Scaffold▲	7	...	...	...	...
	Wiggins	3½	...	...	...	...
384.50	Wilson Bowdn	413 †	-8	...	2.7	29.1
343.00	Wilson (C)	181	-9	3.9	2.7	31.4
595.00	Wimpey G	165	+11	...	4.0	...
4.75	YRM	36	-2	0.5	1.7	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
833.10	ADT	600	-14	...	...	...
10.60	Adam & Harvey	247	+12	13.0	6.7	4.4
5.41	Air London▲	61 †	...	...	7.2	∞
3.31	African Lakes	47	...	2.0	5.3	...
160.40	Auto Sec	137	+2	...	5.6	24.6
1,177.10	BET Ord	126 †	+6	...	2.2	5.1
26.30	BNB Res	109 †	...	4.9	5.6	...
81.50	BPP	310	+1	8.3	3.3	17.1
34.00	Barbour Index	235	+6	8.0	4.3	16.0
23.00	Boustead	27	+8	0.7	3.2	...
61.70	Brit Data Mgt	254	-10	4.7	2.3	18.5
4.14	Broadcastic▲	26	...	...	1.2	20.7
7.47	Brooks Service	62 †	...	...	1.0	...
50.50	CRT Gp	95	-1	...	3.7	16.8
90.10	Capita Group	190	+1	...	1.5	29.7
32.40	Casket Plc	40½	-½	...	2.8	15.4
20.40	Chiltern Capital	22	-2	...	...	...
11.30	Christie	48	-2	...	...	...
992.20	Chubb Sec	355	+4	...	1.7	22.0
29.20	Comac▲	91 †	...	...	2.1	23.8
13.90	Corp Services	37	...	...	...	...
19.30	Crutts Cnslig	81	+1	...	...	...
20.90	Dart	137	+3	3.3	3.0	18.6
217.30	Davis Service	213	-4	...	4.7	16.0
5.59	EW Facts▲	104 #	...	4.4	5.5	11.7
26.80	Gardiner	25	+1	0.4	2.1	17.3
995.70	Hays	247	-20	5.3	2.7	∞
162.60	Hogg Robinson	235	...	...	3.5	17.1
15.00	Holmes Protectn	34	-3	...	...	2.1
9,102.10	Hutch Whamp	362	+18	...	1.8	21.9
532.40	ISS B Dkr	2050	-100	...	1.0	14.1
2,630.50	Inchcape	502	+19	...	3.5	16.4
171.00	Johnson Clean	866	-7	25.7	3.7	18.9
78.40	Lep	8½	-½	...	...	...
31.10	Mlrk Gp	275	-2	3.5	1.6	21.4
828.90	Manpower	1114	+22	...	...	...
35.60	Michael Page	99½	-½	1.8	3.8	25.3
5.87	Penna▲	124	-3	...	8.1	4.6
1.63	Prime People▲	3½	...	...	...	...
47.30	Prosdloot Alex	76	-2	...	24.7	4.2
41.50	RCO	388	+1	14.1	4.6	13.3
8.23	REA	97	...	2.0	2.6	...
49.70	Reed Executive	97	-4	...	...	...
24.80	Reliance Sec▲	110	...	...	5.1	23.9
1,977.20	Rentokil	203	+5	2.5	1.5	25.3
15.60	Rolfe & Nolan	277	+7	...	3.2	15.6
1,019.80	Salvesen (C)	353	-9	...	2.8	19.4
3.02	Scott Pickford▲	35	...	...	2.9	11.2
17.20	Select Appt▲	8	-½	...	...	...
139.50	Serco Gp	1213	+10	13.3	1.4	31.6
5.80	Sherwd Cmpt▲	95	-50	...	9.2	2.8
60.90	Sketchley	105	-2	...	3.6	23.8
80.10	Warner Howrd	338	-7	6.6	2.5	17.5
12.90	Welpac	29	...	...	...	...
37.80	Wills Gp	27	-½	0.4	1.9	∞

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
599.00	Allied Colloids	229	-4	...	2.4	20.1
538.10	Amersham	944	-6	...	1.8	32.5
18.40	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
6,091.50	BASF DM	£106½	+9½	...	6.2	...
378.40	BTP	282	-8	...	4.1	19.4
8,365.60	Bayer DM50	£127¼	+268½	...	4.3	...
62.30	Blagden	134	-3	6.5	6.1	14.4
76.90	Brent Chems	114	-2	...	8.1	10.4
140.30	Br Bio-Tech	393	-1	...	...	...
4.15	Caird Gp	7½	-1½	...	22.2	30.1
44.10	Canning (W)	146	-5	7.2	5.8	17.9
1,945.70	Courtaulds	484	+8	...	3.6	12.9
436.60	Croda	333	-1	...	3.0	19.1
13.30	Deeflex	123	-1	4.6	4.7	9.4
172.80	Ellis & Everard	209	-8	...	4.2	20.8
11.90	Euro Colour	39½	-1	0.8	2.8	24.0
102.20	Halstead (J)	343	...	...	2.4	17.0
263.60	Hickson	152	-18	...	6.6	14.1
6,297.30	Hoechst	£106½	-250	...	3.4	...
190.60	Holliday Chem	223	...	...	2.1	20.5
4,909.60	ICI	680	-36	...	5.1	...
1,254.90	Laporte	657	-22	19.9	3.8	18.1
131.60	Leigh	206	-5	...	4.8	19.9
12.00	M[illegible]	40[illegible]			...	...
4,056.50	Norsk Hydro	1975	-18½	...	1.4	28.1
109.30	Paterson Zoch	448 †	...	12.6	3.5	∞
93.10	-do- 'A'	405 †	...	12.6	3.9	∞
98.30	Plysu	207	-5	...	4.2	13.5
45.40	Porvair	295	-6	3.8	1.6	31.5
27.00	Suncliffe Speak	48	+1	...	...	...
108.20	Wardle Storeys	438	-10	17.2	5.1	∞
39.60	Wistnhlme R	536	+2	17.0	4.0	18.3
192.40	Yorks Chem	421	+1	...	2.3	22.5
255.50	Yule Catto	257	-3	...	2.9	16.0
7,125.30	Zeneca	754	-13	...	4.6	44.5

DRAPERY, STORES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
40.80	Alexon	71	-2	...	5.3	...
60.50	Amber Day	52	...	1.3	3.3	∞
1,001.90	Argos Plc	337	-3	...	2.7	28.8
14.10	Ashley Group	81	...	...	2.3	...
21.40	Ashley (Laura)	90	-1	0.1	0.1	...
257.80	Asprey	323	-3	5.1	2.0	22.4
46.20	Austin Reed	151	-3	...	2.1	...
71.50	Beattie (J) 'A'	154	-1	...	5.0	15.5
16.10	Bentalls	110	...	1.9	2.2	...
196.80	Betterware	153	-29	...	1.8	18.2
11.70	Blacks Leis	43	...	2.2	6.7	...
381.90	Body Shop	204 †	-8	...	1.1	26.3
81.70	Brown & Jacksn	12½	...	...	0.8	6.6
306.60	Brown (N)	420 †	+1	...	2.2	24.7
947.30	Burton	87½	-5½	2.0	3.8	∞
23.90	Cantors	156	...	4.0	3.2	∞
36.70	Church	340	-5	12.5	4.6	30.3
26.30	Clinton Cards	155	-6	4.3	3.5	18.7
1,741.10	Coats Viyella	265	-4	...	3.5	30.6
18.80	Colourvision▲	93	...	5.6	7.5	16.7
32.30	Cnty Casuals	168 †	-4	...	3.1	15.6
201.90	Courts Furnish	824	...	5.5	0.8	10.3
2.16	Crown Eyes▲	135	...	...	6.5	9.2
2,075.30	Dairy Farm Intl	125	+3	...	2.9	18.4
112.40	Dewhirst (I)	89½	-½	0.9	1.1	28.7
1,006.70	Dixons Grp	278	+1	...	2.8	...
6.88	ERA Gp	12	...	...	...	...
6.36	Elys (Wimbldn)	530	...	16.0	3.8	18.2
18.00	Essex Furn	157	+3	...	2.8	∞
156.70	Etam	240	-13	7.0	3.7	21.8
434.00	Fine Art Dev	546	-16	12.7	2.9	17.8
2.68	Fired Earth Tiles	47	-9	...	...	...
13.60	Forminster	580	+5	14.0	3.0	10.5
20.80	French Conn▲	130	-10	...	...	...
26.30	Gent SR	71	-2	2.1	3.7	∞
16.90	Goldsmiths Gp	77	-1	0.3	0.5	...
5,462.60	GUS	543	+17	...	2.5	17.4
1.44	Hampden Grp▲	23	...	...	5.4	11.4
50.30	Hartstone	48	...	...	7.3	...
31.80	Helene Plc	25½	-½	2.0	9.9	12.1
3.31	Heritage▲	75	+1	...	...	...
5.60	Honeysuckle▲	69 †	-5	...	4.1	∞
14.80	Jacques Vert	156	-4	...	2.4	12.0
4,402.30	Kingfisher	662	-23	...	2.6	22.8
24.30	Leslie Wise Gp	70	...	4.0	7.1	14.4
93.80	Liberty	565	-10	7.2	1.6	66.5
323.20	Lloyds Chem	274	+7	7.2	3.3	∞
814.90	MFI	140	-1	...	3.3	29.4
11,127.40	Marks Spencer	402	+6	...	2.6	20.4
318.60	Menzies (John)	573	...	...	2.4	16.2
41.80	Moss Bros	250 †	-2	5.5	2.8	29.4
686.30	Next	186	-2½	3.5	2.4	22.0
4.61	Oliver (G)	38	-1	...	...	...
161.80	Oriflame Intl	303	-4	...	4.0	14.8
63.30	Pentos	44	...	0.8	2.3	9.2
74.70	QS Hldgs	190	...	5.1	3.4	13.5
31.30	Rhino Grp▲	58 #	...	...	...	...
31.60	Rosebys	168	...	...	3.6	20.2
162.90	Sherwood Gp	146	-8	...	2.2	13.2
1,766.70	Sears	117	+4	...	3.7	...
85.00	Signet Group	29	+½	...	...	...
1,267.60	Smith WH 'A'	465	+3	...	3.8	15.2
2.80	Specialeyes▲	18	...	...	...	...
771.90	Storehouse	186	-6	...	3.4	34.0
98.40	T & S Stores	154	-4	6.0	4.9	11.5
74.80	Tie Rack	145	-11	1.0	0.9	23.7
118.30	Time Products	224	-11	7.7	4.4	19.1
7.27	Usher (Frank)▲	104	-2	...	7.2	9.0
19.80	Vivat	36	...	1.0	3.5	11.1
3.22	Wensum▲	43	-2	...	5.5	...
404.40	Wickes	108	-2	...	0.2	49.0
5.04	Wid of Leather▲	62	-6	...	...	...
67.00	Wyevale▲	175 †	-5	...	3.0	23.2
4.63	Xtra-vision▲	3	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
293.20	ACT Group	159	-3	...	4.0	15.8
36.60	Acal▲	253	...	...	3.1	17.6
61.70	Acorn Comp▲	93	-6	...	...	47.1
50.70	Admiral	469	+4	5.7	1.5	19.8
75.50	Alba	163	...	...	3.7	20.4
11.30	Alphameric	42	-5	...	...	...
299.40	Amstrad	51½	+5½	0.5	1.2	∞
14.70	App Holo▲	71	...	...	...	...
22.30	Arlen	37	...	...	...	...
237.00	Amec	76½	+1½	...	0.4	...
24.10	Beales Hunter	245	...	...	4.8	15.1
2.39	Bennett & Foun	2½	-½	...	...	...
1,169.70	BICC	389	-12	19.2	6.2	...
131.20	Blick	430	+10	...	3.0	17.2
340.80	Borland▲	1200	+50	...	...	...
586.20	Bowthorpe	351	-5	6.4	2.3	22.8
28,702.80	BT	462½	+3	...	4.4	17.6
2,586.40	BT P/P	212	+2½	...	9.8	9.7
4.03	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	15½	+2	0.1	0.8	...
30.50	Burnfield	89	-5	5.7	8.1	14.1
10,839.60	Cable Wireless	497	+33	...	1.9	26.0
53.00	Chloride	22½	...	...	...	...
46.90	CML Micro▲	268	...	...	2.2	19.5
15.30	Compter People	110	...	...	...	...
318.50	Cray Elect	144½	-1	...	1.3	14.8
48.80	Critchley	423	-6	...	1.4	24.4
710.40	Delta	480	-10	...	3.6	20.1
17.10	Denmans El▲	393	+5	...	2.0	16.7
111.10	Domino	434	-4	7.4	2.1	14.8
89.40	Dowding Mills	61	-1	...	5.1	26.1
76.20	Druck▲	1190	+2	10.0	1.1	25.4
955.50	Electrocomponts	455	+10	...	2.3	18.4
61.30	El Data Prc	705	...	5.1	0.9	19.3
34.40	Electron House	130	-1	2.6	2.5	28.5
22.30	Emess	21	...	0.1	0.6	...
280.70	Eurotherm	628	-1	8.5	1.7	28.6
799.10	FKI	178	-½	...	2.1	26.1
674.00	Farnell Elect	503 †	-1	...	1.6	26.6
5.84	Feedback▲	69	+1	...	2.7	9.0
11.70	Ferranti	1½	-½	...	...	...
40.40	First Tech	272	-5	...	0.5	22.6
19.00	Forward Gp▲	235	+3	...	1.8	21.2
4.93	Forward Tech	14½	...	...	...	...
9,128.20	GEC	334	-12	10.3	3.9	16.8
99.70	Graseby	157	-3	...	8.7	33.0
11.00	Graystone	11½	...	...	...	...
1.50	Hilclare▲	40	+2	...	1.6	...
6.46	INSTEM▲	135	...	...	2.9	9.7
61.40	Intl Control	154	-1	4.4	3.6	∞
70.60	Jones Stroud	388	...	...	2.8	15.6
31.60	Kalamazoo	83	...	2.1	3.2	19.3
3.85	Kembrey	13½	...	0.1	1.4	...
118.90	Kenwood App	324	-21	...	3.0	18.2
30.40	Kewill Sys▲	255	+11	...	...	...
15.30	Kode	165	...	6.0	4.5	19.6
4.51	Laser-Scan▲	28	...	...	...	...
44.00	LBMS▲	245	-5	...	0.4	34.5
16.00	Lec Refrig	265	+32	9.0	4.2	...
224.40	Life Sciences	132	-6	3.7	3.6	14.3
166.70	Logica	271	-4	...	1.8	31.2
4.34	LPA Ind▲	52	-2	...	8.5	14.7
108.10	MR Data Mngmt	195	+2	...	3.3	18.3
154.90	Macro 4	680	-20	...	3.3	20.7
102.50	Meriver-Sw▲	210	-15	...	2.2	18.6
217.00	Micro Focus	1528	-10	...	...	14.1
62.30	Microgen	158	-1	7.2	5.7	10.8
19.90	Microvitec▲	30½	-2	...	...	...
202.90	Misys	523	-3	...	1.7	19.1
373.80	Mitel	473	+9	...	...	...
15.00	MMT Comp▲	141	+10	...	3.6	∞
7.73	Molyns	41	-½	1.3	...	...
44.40	MTL Inst▲	252	-2	...	1.8	19.0
21.10	Multitone Elec	140	+10	3.5	3.1	25.4
22.40	Murray Enter	235	-1	...	2.1	...
5,989.90	NYNEX	2800	+125	...	...	...
33.70	Neotronics	131	...	2.6	2.5	16.9
2.60	Newmark (L)	56	...	...	...	...
19.30	Norbain▲	262	+6	...	0.7	20.2
11.90	Northamber	67	+5	0.6	1.1	...
11.40	Oceonics	8½	-½	...	...	...
142.50	Oxford Inst	295	+7	4.6	2.0	20.2
16.00	P-E Internl	73	...	...	...	...
31.60	P & P	57	-8	1.5	3.3	30.3
88.50	Peek	77 †	-1	3.4	5.5	20.1
13.80	Pegasus▲	214	-6	...	3.7	54.9
12.20	Philips Fn 4%	9500 †	...	...	6.1	...
4,354.30	-do- Lmp nv	1362½	-37½	...	...	...
99.40	Phonelink▲	280	-11	...	...	...
25.50	Pifco	275	-10	...	1.9	23.1
18.30	-do- 'A' Voting	265	-9	...	1.9	22.2
3.48	Plasmec▲	75	...	...	5.0	6.3
26.80	Pressac	105 †	-3	2.5	3.1	∞
40.30	Psion▲	183	+21	...	1.7	48.6
595.30	Racal Elect	213	+5	4.2	2.5	12.7
8.85	Radamec	48 †	...	...	3.9	10.3
10.10	Radius▲	37	-1	2.2	7.6	12.8
5.11	Real Time▲	73	-4	...	5.1	15.0
7.02	Riva▲	27	...	...	...	34.2
89.60	Sage Gp	437	-6	9.3	2.7	14.0
26.90	Sanderson Elec	302	-11	9.9	4.1	12.9
27.50	Scantronic	72	...	3.1	5.4	18.2
65.90	Scholes Grp	172	...	...	3.6	22.3
288.50	Sema Gp	317	-1	2.9	1.1	25.7
13.10	Silvermines	40	...	...	2.9	...
5.10	Soundtracks▲	51	...	...	5.6	17.2
3,205.30	TDK	2437½	+31½	...	1.3	27.6
1.08	TDS Circuits▲	12	...	...	...	...
141.20	Telemetrix	156	+6	0.8	0.6	25.7
3,952.50	THORN EMI	930	-12	...	4.3	19.0
16.90	Thorpe FW	131	-6	...	2.5	15.3
4.95	Total Systems▲	48	+2	3.0	7.8	8.5
91.20	Tunstall	570	+10	5.7	1.3	22.8
180.30	Unitech	264	-29	...	2.9	62.5
18.00	Verity	9	-1½	...	...	...
32.90	Vistec▲	27	-1	...	1.7	15.5
5,472.60	Vodafone	544	-5	...	1.6	24.6
116.20	Volex	440	-4	17.8	5.1	18.1
3.01	Western Selecm	20	...	...	5.0	...
38.60	Wholesale Ftgs	272	+1	11.7	5.4	28.9

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,213.30	East Midlands	556	+1	...	4.4	10.4
1,587.20	Eastern Elect	587	-2	...	4.1	11.7
1,476.50	Hydro-Elect	385	-10	...	3.7	14.0
1,254.10	London Elec	575	-4	...	4.2	12.8
759.10	Manweb	639	+6	...	4.1	9.2
1,263.90	Midlands Elec	603	-3	...	4.1	10.8
5,112.00	National Powr	400	-5	...	3.5	9.8
760.80	Northern Elec	618	-10	...	4.3	8.9
314.40	Nthn Ireland	191	-3	...	0.6	6.4
1,084.60	Norweb	628	-11	20.0	4.0	9.7
3,622.10	PowerGen	462	+3	...	2.8	12.2
3,178.50	Scottish Power	390	-7	...	3.6	14.5
793.00	Seeboard	622	-4	...	4.0	10.0
650.20	Sth Wales	640	-2	...	4.4	10.7
722.60	Sth Western	587	-11	...	4.3	9.3
1,636.10	Southern Elec	603	+7	...	4.1	11.1
1,290.00	Yorkshire Elec	622	-6	...	4.1	11.7

FINANCE, LAND

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
33.30	Aitken Hume	55	...	1.0	2.3	11.7
24.80	BWD▲	133	+1	...	3.2	20.8
30.50	Baltic Plc	101	...	...	1.2	...
443.80	Caledonia	534	-4	...	3.5	19.8
45.00	Camellia	1800	...	...	2.1	6.7
67.80	Candover	304	...	10.4	4.3	21.5
85.40	Flextech▲	249	+8	...	0.3	...
238.20	Govett	339	-3	...	4.8	10.0
42.60	Ivory Sime	147	-6	...	5.5	13.8
2.73	LIT	4½	+½	...	...	...
232.00	Lon Forfaitng▲	232	-3	8.7	4.7	16.9
15.00	Manakin	74	...	5.0	8.4	∞
8.79	Nat Home Loan	8½	...	...	...	...
18.50	Newmarket	52	...	...	...	...
63.60	Rathbone Brs	323	-3	6.5	2.5	19.6
62.90	Rutland Tst	24½	...	...	4.1	14.5
32.60	S & U	305	-9	10.2	4.2	11.3
153.90	Singer & Fried	80	...	...	4.7	...
322.70	Sotheby's	950	+37	...	3.6	...
314.80	SIP Capital	115 †	+1	3.0	3.3	47.4

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
10,045.90	Amer Express	2087½	+34½	...	...	...
212.90	Henderson Ad	995	-85	...	5.3	22.6
387.80	Invesco	157	-8	...	2.4	...
2,701.90	Jardine Strat	286	+19	...	2.8	12.0
731.90	MAI	225	-1	...	3.8	14.2
1,246.80	MAM	663	-50	16.0	3.0	16.5
709.70	M & G	945	-33	...	2.8	25.1
203.80	Smith New Crt	392	-1	...	1.9	5.9
38.90	Trio Hldgs	70	-6	...	5.4	...

FOODS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2,150.70	AB Food	479	+4	...	4.0	9.8
1,464.00	ASDA Group	50½	+2	1.6	4.0	12.1
96.00	Acatos & Hutch	291	...	7.6	3.3	16.8
338.70	Albert Fisher	56 †	-8	3.7	8.4	∞
2,894.80	Argyll	258	-2	...	5.3	9.5
19.20	Banks (S C)	228	-2	9.0	4.9	10.2
58.60	Barr (AG)	310	-10	6.5	2.6	15.7
12.30	Bensons Crsp▲	68	...	...	5.2	15.3
107.20	Berisford Intl	108	...	...	...	...
833.20	Booker	391	-4	...	7.0	33.9
27.40	Bordwick	47½	-1	...	3.2	59.0
245.90	Brake Bros	485	...	6.3	1.6	20.1
71.60	Budgen	44	+1	...	2.8	13.4
3,891.60	Cadbury-Schw	470	+11	...	3.6	16.6
8.98	Carrs Milling	132	-7	3.9	3.7	26.4
19.60	Cranswick	145	+10	...	6.9	10.9
3.53	Cullens	13½	-½	0.5	4.6	38.8
15.70	Dalepak	135	-1	6.0	5.6	10.6
1,005.80	Dalgety	440	-6	...	5.8	12.6
4.16	Daniels S	50	...	...	0.6	...
325.40	Devro	241	-4	...	2.9	22.9
26.10	Everest	104	...	...	4.4	18.9
84.90	Farepak	375	-5	5.7	1.9	23.1
1.93	Farringford	7½	-½	...	...	...
74.80	Finlay (James)	75	-1	...	7.1	24.2
294.60	Fyffes	105	...	...	1.4	18.9
244.80	Geest	341	-20	8.1	3.0	15.2
16.30	Global▲	13½	-½	...	4.6	21.0
19.40	Grand Central	49	...	0.8	2.0	...
370.90	Hazlewood Fds	160	-11	...	5.0	9.0
1,005.10	Hillsdown	146 †	-4	8.8	7.5	11.5
450.20	Iceland Group	164	-11	...	2.7	10.3
43.60	JLJ Group	105	-2	...	5.5	11.6
913.10	Kwik Save	591	-25	16.7	3.5	11.3
78.50	Low (Wm)	147	-3	8.4	7.4	∞
93.10	Matthews (B)	75	-2	2.3	3.9	49.1
13.60	Merchant Retail	15	...	1.1	9.2	30.7
635.20	Morrison (W)	89	-½	...	1.2	11.6
90.10	Nichols (JN)	229	-2	5.5	3.0	16.5
1,306.40	Nthn Foods	228	-1	...	4.6	11.3
5.73	Nrthmbrn Fn▲	12	...	...	...	...
224.60	Nurdin Peack	177	...	...	4.4	9.8
126.50	Park Foods	238	...	...	3.2	18.3
100.70	Perkins Food	82	-2	...	6.8	9.4
51.90	PizzaExpress	98	-6	...	0.6	20.7
5.60	Regina Hlth▲	4	+½	...	...	...
6,515.30	Sainsbury J	365	-1	...	3.6	12.7
3.09	Senior Farms▲	71	...	...	2.6	12.7
32.90	Sims Food	110	...	...	8.5	21.2
1,331.00	Tate & Lyle	372	-9	12.3	4.1	11.7
3,637.70	Tesco	185½	-3½	...	4.9	8.4
107.00	Thorntons	168	+1	...	2.7	...
14.40	Treats▲	151	-6	...	3.1	17.2
871.30	Unigate	373	+8	...	5.6	12.0
1,722.00	Utd Biscuits	328	-10	...	5.8	20.3
19.80	Usborne	21½	-½	...	3.1	15.9
114.50	Watson & Phil	295	-5	13.2	5.6	15.4

HOTELS, CATERERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3.12	Abrdn Stk H▲	26	...	...	...	...
171.70	City Centre Rest	90	-1	1.5	2.2	21.7
1,925.00	Forte	227	+12	...	4.1	17.8
25.20	Friendly Hotels	152	-2	...	4.7	28.6
8.67	Harmony Leis▲	11	+½	...	...	...
34.90	Jurys Hotel	132	...	...	4.9	10.6
1,916.90	Ladbroke	168	-9	11.3	8.3	14.4
550.10	Mandarin Orntl	81	+5	...	4.2	20.1
439.00	Queens Moat	47½ #	...	...	3.7	...
160.50	-do- 7¾% Cvpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
5.97	Regal Hotels▲	1½	...	...	...	...
49.80	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
12.10	Ryan Hotels Il	18½	...	...	6.4	...
225.40	Savoy Hotel 'A'	788	-2	7.0	1.1	...
209.80	Stakis	55	-5	...	1.0	...

INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
7.82	AAF Inds	34	+5	...	...	2.1
437.20	AAH	498	-15	...	4.3	16.0
24.40	AIM	175	-9	7.5	5.4	10.6
302.80	APV	103	-2½	...	6.6	...
96.50	ASW	144	-3	...	5.2	...
134.10	Advest	165	-12	...	5.5	15.9
7.22	Aerospace Eng	19	...	...	4.9	25.0
65.20	Airsprung	275	...	...	2.0	17.6
60.30	Alexdrs W	179 †	-3	4.1	2.9	28.3
3.69	Allied Radio	7½	-½	...	...	...
86.00	Alumasc	283	...	...	2.6	16.7
19.80	Alvis	36	-3½	1.0	3.5	7.4
22.10	Amber Ind	565	...	...	4.1	12.9
2.90	Amberley Gp▲	45	-3	...	2.8	...
38.10	Aragon	82	...	...	...	...
12.10	Andrews Sykes	85	...	...	6.5	...
304.30	Antofagasta	968 †	-7	...	2.1	17.9
12.80	Armour	47½	-1	...	4.3	11.3
39.20	Ash & Lacy	150	...	6.4	5.3	15.3
7.88	Ass Br Eng	3	...	...	2.1	...
132.80	Avon Rubber	503	-9	...	4.1	20.1
29.30	Assoc Nursg▲	265	...	...	0.5	16.2
54.40	Atlas Equip	523	-2	...	5.3	13.1
7.50	Ayrshire Metal	75	...	...	...	...
736.70	BBA	182	+4	...	5.2	15.5
5.84	BLP Group▲	88	+2	...	...	...
24.40	BM Gp	22	-1½	3.4	19.3	0.9
3,003.60	BOC	631	-13	23.8	4.7	13.8
183.10	BSG	70½	...	...	5.7	24.5
126.90	BSS Group	488	+5	...	4.4	29.2
12,273.30	BTR	399½	+1½	...	3.9	20.1
76.30	BWI	160	-9	...	5.4	14.4
183.00	Babcock	34	+½	...	7.7	20.3
4.12	Bailey (CH)	7½	...	...	...	...
287.30	Baird (Wm)	254	-13	8.9	4.4	17.4
1,264.00	Barlow Rand	643½	...	...	5.2	3.7
84.30	Baynes (Charles)	61	-2	...	3.0	25.0
3.67	Beauford	4½	...	...	...	...
2.43	Beckenham▲	2½	...	...	...	...
1.57	Bedford (W)▲	33	+1	...	...	...
20.20	Benson Group	15½	...	...	2.4	11.7
83.50	Bespak	330	-143	10.0	3.8	10.3
100.10	Bibby (J)	64	-15	2.0	3.9	...
4.36	Billam (J)	263	-2	5.3	2.5	13.3
2.36	Bilson Bursen▲	28	...	...	...	...
3.91	Bimec Ind	3½	-1½	...	...	...
47.50	Birkby	218	-1	3.5	2.0	20.7
9.40	Black Arrow	38	...	2.6	8.6	11.9
6.09	Black & Edgtn▲	1½	...	...	...	...
133.20	Black (Peter)	263	-1	3.7	1.9	21.4
37.40	Bluebird Toys▲	480	-32	...	1.2	14.6
164.20	Bodycote	284	...	...	2.3	18.0
1.45	Bogod 'A'	30	...	0.7	2.9	11.2
5,350.90	Boots	515	+11	...	3.4	20.1
2.00	Booth Inds	50	...	0.7	1.8	...
2,050.90	Bowater	411	-14	...	3.6	17.2
477.20	Bowater Inc	1317	+22	...	...	...
61.00	Boxmore Intl▲	275	...	...	1.7	30.6
11.30	Brasway	14½	...	...	4.4	...
133.10	Brammer	297	+1	13.0	5.5	22.1
6.16	Bridgend Gp	21 †	...	0.4	...	...
69.20	Bridon	122	-1	...	4.1	...
7.31	Bridport-Gndry	73	-2	2.5	4.3	∞
1,059.60	Brierley Inv	42 †	-½	...	8.0	∞
25.20	Br Bldg & Eng	225 †	-10	8.0	4.4	∞
3.00	Br Bloodstock▲	79	...	...	...	...
131.10	Br Polythene	440	-19	...	2.9	15.8
2,490.00	Br Steel	124½	-2	...	1.0	...
28.80	Br Syphon	85	...	...	4.4	23.8
24.90	Br Thornton	155	-8	...	2.0	17.0
525.30	Br Vita	244	-9	7.3	3.7	15.0
70.70	Brixton Grp	13½	-1	...	1.6	...
12,907.00	Broken Hill	779	-5	...	2.3	30.7
69.40	Bromsgrve Ind	97	-5	...	3.7	12.6
3.36	Brooke Tool	9	...	...	...	...
14.60	Brown & Tawse	46	-2	...	...	...
148.70	Bulough	124	+3	6.0	6.1	21.2
9.10	Business Tech▲	19½	+1	...	...	...
18.20	CI Group	21	...	0.5	3.5	19.8
5.49	Campbell & Arm	38	+8	...	...	...
30.50	Cannon St	29½	+½	...	...	...
137.50	Cape	259	...	...	5.1	17.5
1,968.80	Caradon	332	-3	...	3.3	26.8
295.30	-do- pf	164	-1½	7.2	5.5	...
152.20	Carclo Eng	252	...	8.6	4.3	17.0
1,784.40	Carnaud Mtl	2188	-37	...	2.8	∞
3.94	Cassidy Bros▲	73	...	...	4.1	11.9
42.80	Castings	203	-6	4.3	2.7	14.3
165.70	Cathay Intl	59	-5	...	...	...
14.30	Chamberlin Hill	195	+17	6.5	4.2	12.1
497.90	Charter	729	-14	...	3.8	17.2
60.40	Chemring	310	...	...	3.4	18.7
4.34	Chieftain Gp▲	50	...	4.5	11.3	10.7
13.30	Chillington	41 †	+2	0.2	0.8	...
306.60	Christies Int	210	-3	...	0.9	52.1
10.50	Clayhithe	63	-1	...	5.0	...
1.25	Clayton Son	57	-3	...	...	...
1.22	Co Designers▲	7 #	...	...	...	...
7.48	Cohen (A)	403	...	3.4	1.1	...
76.20	Community H	233	-7	...	3.7	15.9
113.10	Concentric	209	-1	...	3.3	17.6
55.80	Cook (Wm)	255	-5	6.0	3.0	15.3
1,160.20	Cookson	207	-1	...	3.6	27.4
7.71	Copymore▲	71	...	...	4.4	...
58.20	Crnwll Pkr 'A'	144	...	...	4.9	19.5
13.50	Cosalt	117	-14	8.6	3.8	21.7
9.47	Creighton Nt▲	205	+2	...	4.5	14.7
54.00	CrestaCare	32	-1	0.6	2.5	27.7
1,779.40	Dana	3875	-34½	...	...	...
562.80	Danka Bs Sys	300	+2	...	0.6	28.4
115.80	David Brown	218	-2	...	3.4	15.5
1.14	Davies (DY)▲	18	+1	...	...	...
1,446.50	De La Rue	754	-2	...	2.8	30.0
3.84	Dickie Heel	29	...	1.1	4.8	22.7
314.70	Diploma	565	-5	10.7	2.3	29.4
102.60	Dobson Park	82	...	5.0	7.7	14.8
1.80	Dyson (J&J)	109	+6	5.0	5.7	20.1
8.66	-do- 'A'	72	-5	5.0	8.7	13.2
7.03	EFG	15	-1	...	...	...
179.50	EIS	407	-2	...	3.7	16.0
2.02	Eldsef	23	-2	...	...	...
14.50	Eleco	50	+1	...	...	0.00
1,665.10	Electrolux 'B'	2337½	-112½	...	2.2	...
28.50	Elliott (B)	68 †	-4	...	...	...
1,249.00	Eng China Cl	414	-10	...	6.0	34.1
19.80	Enviromed	138	+3	...	...	59.3
6,662.30	Ericsson 'B'	3550	+93½	...	0.8	...
31.00	Eurocopy	64	-1	1.0	2.0	24.8
41.00	Expamet	65	-3	...	4.6	1.5
251.80	Fairey Group	675	-9	10.7	2.0	20.8
82.80	Fenner	120	+4	2.5	2.6	25.5
6.74	Fennicks Group	69	+5	...	3.2	16.2
5.89	Feromet▲	1½	...	...	...	...
3.54	Ferrum	17	...	1.4	10.3	11.9
6.31	Fife Indmar	60	...	0.7	1.6	...
991.70	Fisons	143½	-9½	...	7.8	13.0
62.00	Fitzwilton	53	...	...	8.6	...
67.10	Flogas	273	...	...	3.6	12.5
10.00	Folkes Group nv	35	-2	1.5	5.4	19.9
10.30	French (Thomas)	86	...	3.6	5.3	43.1
160.50	Frost Group	228	-5	...	3.4	29.5
31.30	GEI Int	85	...	...	7.3	...
1,283.50	GKN	475	+10	...	5.4	31.7
5.79	GR Hldgs	44	...	...	5.3	...
3.58	Garton Eng	94	...	4.1	5.5	...
268.10	Gestetner	143	-4	8.2	7.2	6.2
12.50	Glever	55	-3	...	...	39.8
19,826.80	Glaxo	654	-1	...	4.2	17.1
7.57	Glenchewton	29	-2	...	...	...
625.10	Glynwed	303 †	-2	11.6	4.8	28.6
63.50	Goode Durrant	120	-5	...	5.6	...
93.30	Grampian Hd	135 †	-2	5.5	5.1	23.4
2,199.60	Granada	470	-5	7.9	2.1	25.0
52.60	Great Sthrn▲	446	...	...	3.2	18.3
7.08	Green (Ernest)▲	88 †	-3	...	4.9	∞
22.50	Greenacre▲	13	-½	...	2.9	12.9
1.23	Guardian Grp▲	6½	-1	...	...	...
57.10	Haden MacLn	65	...	...	3.8	23.4
5.94	Hadleigh Inds▲	82	-4	...	0.8	...
83.30	Hall Eng	274	-2	8.6	3.9	22.9
392.40	Halma	200	+4	...	1.2	26.9
26.90	Hampson Ind	44	...	1.6	4.5	14.5
13,952.80	Hanson	278	+8½	...	5.1	14.2
17.80	Harris (Philip)	159	-2	...	5.4	9.6
1,244.60	Harrisn Crsfld	179	-6	9.0	6.3	25.8
31.40	Havelock Eurp	121	-1	...	...	...
5.70	Hay (Norman)	38	...	...	...	...
3.86	Headway	24	+1	0.7	3.6	∞
2.27	Healthcare	4½	...	...	22.2	1.2
817.80	Hepworth	397	-2	14.8	4.7	17.1
12.00	Hewitt (J)	213	...	3.2	1.9	16.6
2.61	High-Point	51 †	+1	0.5	1.2	...
48.60	Hill & Smith	163	+1	...	4.3	22.7
13.20	Hobson▲	14½	-1½	...	...	89.8
5.36	Holders Tech▲	172	-4	...	4.4	22.4
38.20	Hopkinsons	49	...	0.9	2.3	37.1
14.60	Hornby▲	180	+5	...	6.3	17.0
227.00	Howden	81	-2	2.2	3.4	15.0
224.90	Hunting	234	-5	...	5.3	19.8
116.50	Huntigh Tec▲	448	-7	...	2.8	11.4
938.10	IMI	289	-7½	...	4.3	25.6
44.20	ISA Intl	114 †	-1	1.5	1.7	17.7
34.40	Intercare Gp▲	135	-6	...	2.5	14.3
34.50	Isoron	278	-2	4.3	2.0	∞
4,668.80	Jardine Math	655	+44	...	1.9	23.9
897.80	Johnson Matth	474	-7	...	2.7	20.8
54.80	Johnson & FB	39	-3	3.0	9.6	12.0
15.30	Johnston	146 †	...	3.2	...	...
6.42	Jones Shipman	25	...	...	...	...
5.68	Jourdan (T)	30	-1	0.7	3.2	...
227.70	Kalon	172	+2	...	2.5	23.9
7.74	Kelsey Ind	252	-1	8.0	4.0	...
222.50	Kershaw (A)	640	+20	27.0	5.3	33.2
28.80	Kleeneze	215	-6	...	...	...
6.36	LGW▲	143	...	3.4	3.0	11.9
380.80	Laird	130	-4	...	4.0	16.3
41.10	Lilleshall	153	-3	...	3.6	20.1
13.90	Lincat▲	204	...	...	3.7	14.4
5.17	Lincoln Hse▲	32 †	-1	...	...	26.4
12.90	Linread	107	...	3.8	4.5	16.5
39.20	Linton Park	255	-3	...	6.9	9.2
19.60	Lionheart	10	-1	0.2	2.5	...
6.00	Locker (T) A	20	...	1.0	6.2	29.1
236.90	Lon Intl	140	-8	9.4	8.4	10.7
975.50	Lonrho	127	...	...	3.9	...
338.70	Low & Bonar	347	-1	...	3.4	48.6
58.60	ML Hdgs	39	...	...	...	...
14.90	MS Intl	55	+3	...	3.7	56.7
19.60	MY Holdings	47	...	...	3.4	∞
152.00	Macfarlane	201	+1	...	2.1	22.8
378.30	McKechnie	413 †	-6	14.7	4.5	∞
61.70	McLeod Russel	102	-3	6.0	7.4	12.4
7.80	Maddox	1½	-½	...	...	9.6
5.74	Magnolia	100	...	0.1	0.1	16.1
18.00	Mang Bronze	109 †	-5	2.5	2.9	∞
45.20	Marling	25½	...	...	3.2	...
39.50	Mayborn▲	199	-3	...	3.3	15.3
109.00	Mayflower	55	...	...	1.0	43.9
338.40	Medeva	124	+6	...	2.4	10.1
211.50	Meggitt	98	-1	...	4.9	16.7
90.70	Metalr	111	-2	...	4.2	18.1
36.60	Metrotect	152	-1	...	2.7	21.1
15.10	Merseca	98	...	...	...	...
41.70	Midstates	86	+2	...	1.1	12.0
8.67	Mining & Aid	27	+1	0.5	2.3	...
158.10	Molins	510	-1	...	3.5	12.3
691.60	Morgan Cble	319	...	...	4.9	16.7
14.10	Morris Ashby▲	173	-4	...	3.9	13.1
7.94	Neepsend	33	-1	1.0	3.8	43.6
46.40	Nestor-BNA	62	...	3.1	6.4	14.8
23.20	Nobo Gp	190	-2	4.8	3.2	18.8
283.00	Norcros	162	+1	...	5.5	23.2
24.00	Novo Group	38	...	...	4.3	12.2
156.10	Nu-Swift	353	-17	...	...	∞
3.74	Office Elec Mac	61	-2	0.1	0.2	...
19.40	OMI Intl	49½	...	...	5.0	...
12.30	PCT▲	161	...	...	5.6	18.3
4.04	Pacer Systems▲	86	+10	...	5.0	...
335.10	Pentland	93	-4	...	3.5	12.6
189.50	Photo-Me	319	-9	4.6	1.8	20.6
1,165.10	Pilkington	148	+4	...	3.4	...
63.70	Plantsbrook	86	...	3.1	4.5	13.6
215.60	Polypipe	138	-2	2.1	1.9	∞
18.90	Porter Chadbrn	20	+3	...	7.8	9.2
2.11	Porth Gp▲	11	-½	...	...	...
280.50	Powerscreen	337	-28	...	2.5	17.4
34.40	Prospect Inds	19½	-½	0.7	4.8	9.8
7.54	RPS Group▲	63	-1	2.3	4.6	13.9
1.16	Radiant Metal	85	...	...	...	...
32.00	Ramco Oil▲	177	-8	...	0.7	59.3
2,730.50	Rank Org	835	-9	31.0	4.6	22.8
9.07	Ransomes	16	...	...	...	...
2,411.30	Reckitt Colm	643	-35	...	3.2	14.8
23.30	Record	70	...	3.6	6.4	34.4
5.79	Reece	4½	-½	...	...	...
54.20	Relyon	259	-2	5.0	2.4	31.0
142.50	Renishaw	292	...	...	2.8	34.7
65.10	Renold	99	-4	...	1.3	...
6,855.80	Reuters	1652	+20	22.1	1.7	27.3
14.70	Rexmore	80	+5	2.0	3.3	...
58.50	Ricardo Group	185	+3	...	3.9	26.2
6.20	Richard (Leics)	74	...	3.7	6.3	...
19.70	Richardson West	75	-6	3.0	5.1	19.2
8.34	Ropner	126	-8	8.2	8.2	17.9
19.10	-do- 'A'	122	-4	8.2	8.5	17.3
26.30	Ross Gp	23 †	-1	0.6	3.5	9.4
146.90	Rotork	169	-5	...	2.7	19.8
32.40	Rubicon	165	...	...	3.3	23.2
14.80	Russell (A)	63	...	...	1.0	...
18.10	SKF Indl	29½	+1	...	3.2	27.0
669.30	SKF 'B'	1050	+12½	...	...	...
58.00	Saville Grdn (J)	58	-1	...	4.7	28.9
484.60	Scapa	207	-3½	...	3.4	15.8
134.40	Scholl	200	...	...	3.9	14.6
1.79	Scot Heritable	5	...	...	...	...
46.30	Securicor	1115	-4	2.6	0.3	42.4
661.00	-do- 'A'	817	-13	2.6	0.4	31.1
799.10	Security Serv	729	-11	5.1	0.9	36.1
299.00	Senior Eng	124	-2½	...	3.2	20.7
93.60	Seton Health	315	-12	...	2.4	18.5
3.26	Sheldon Jones▲	63	...	...	...	...
8.43	Shiloh	140 †	...	3.0	2.6	15.7
173.40	Sidlaw	317	-2	...	4.1	20.3
2,366.80	Siebe	553 †	-7	...	2.3	20.8
184.30	Silentnight	348 †	-6	...	2.9	18.9
2,250.00	Sime Darby	144	+3	...	3.7	∞
77.50	Simon Eng	77	+9	...	...	...
99.90	Sinclair (Wm)	183	...	...	4.8	14.2
22.60	Six Hundred	42	-2	...	5.2	...
1,388.00	Smith & Neph	134½	-3½	...	4.4	14.9
5,626.80	SmithKline	411	+2	9.6	3.0	14.8
4,873.20	SmithKline Ue	372	+3	...	3.3	12.5
1,232.10	Smiths Ind	414 †	+5½	...	3.6	16.8
77.30	Sthn Bus	80	-2	3.5	5.5	7.6
49.70	Spandex▲	462 †	...	...	1.8	20.5
34.60	Spear (JW)	660	...	4.5	0.9	12.4
258.70	Spirax-Sarco	344	-17	...	3.4	21.6
195.90	Spring Ram	53	-5	...	0.6	18.1
224.80	Staveley	206	-19	...	5.2	11.5
47.30	Sterling Ind	169	-1	...	4.1	25.0
181.80	Suter	166	-5	9.0	6.8	17.4
	Swire Pacfc 'A'	469	+55	...	1.8	∞
3.97	Sycamore	3	-½	...	...	...
5.09	Sykes-Pick	55	...	...	7.2	10.3
25.00	Sylone▲	153	...	...	3.9	20.3
1,678.60	TI	361	-10	...	3.8	24.7
6.13	TLS Range▲	26	-2	0.3	0.2	...
331.50	TT Group	324	-2	...	2.5	19.9
258.40	Takare	204	-7	...	1.1	17.8
7,285.10	Takeda Chem	833	+28	...	0.8	15.8
3.52	Tex Hldgs	53	-7	...	...	...
7.21	Tinsley (E)▲	99	-1	...	6.9	15.2
27.00	Titon▲	240	...	...	1.9	20.9
2,613.80	Tomkins	234	-3	...	3.4	17.2
1,006.20	Trafalgar H	94½	-2	...	4.3	6.9
81.20	Transfer Tech	85	+4	3.2	4.7	10.7
103.20	Triplex Lloyd	160	-6	...	3.5	19.3
367.60	UniChem	262	+1	6.4	3.1	17.2
70.20	Unidare	365	...	...	5.4	18.5
9.59	Unigroup	31	...	...	...	...
8,807.50	Unilever	1086	-16	22.2	2.6	14.7
12,389.40	Unilever (NV)	7712½	+228½	...	2.7	12.7
313.80	VSEL	828	-27	...	4.7	8.8
17.10	Vesson	12½	+½	...	...	...
489.80	Vickers	149	+6	...	1.9	...
120.10	Victaulic	271	-7	...	3.6	15.4
182.40	Vinten	447 †	-6	...	2.0	20.8
200.20	Vosper Thorny	648	-18	...	3.0	15.7
4.57	WSP Hldgs	43	...	...	7.8	11.2
194.00	Wagon Ind	439	-6	...	4.9	19.4
90.00	Walker Greenbk	94	-2	3.1	4.1	24.0
381.50	Wassall	250	-2	2.5	1.4	25.2
304.80	Watford Wdgwd	43	+3	...	...	...
482.40	Weir	296	-12	...	2.6	16.7
3,871.50	Wellcome	678	-24	17.3	3.2	∞
6.44	Wellman	20	...	0.9	5.6	32.6
169.80	West Hldcare	333	-13	...	1.4	∞
109.90	Whatman	482	-1	9.7	2.5	16.3
68.70	Whessoe	236	-17	...	4.3	9.2
31.70	Whitecroft	72½	-1½	...	...	...
12.10	Whitney	9	+½	...	...	...
21.20	Wilkes (James)	120	-6	3.5	...	35.1
1,607.20	Williams Hldg	328	-4	12.5	4.8	17.2
32.30	Wilshaw	40	+1½	...	1.7	25.1
1,893.90	Wolseley	712	-9	13.3	2.4	∞
2.50	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
11.80	Wyko	36	-1	...	3.5	...
8.62	Young (H)	52	...	3.0	7.2	19.1

INSURANCE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
506.10	Alex & Alex	1325	-37½	...	5.0	...
4,173.40	Am Gen	1931½	+75	...	3.8	...
15.00	Archer (AR)	59	-2	2.7	5.7	28.7
10.40	Berry Bch Nbl▲	159 †	...	...	4.2	12.3
73.70	Bradstock	136	-2	5.2	4.8	16.8
857.60	Britannic	454	-9	...	3.2	...
3,347.10	Com Union	602	-8	...	5.0	...
118.70	Dom & Gen	1745	...	...	1.6	23.1
118.90	FAI	48	-2	...	...	...
3,120.90	Gen Accident	642	+4	26.7	4.3	...
1,779.40	GRE	205	-2	7.1	4.4	17.0
259.80	Heath C E	401	-6	...	5.0	...
105.00	Hogg Gp	162	-3	8.1	6.4	14.4
221.70	JIB Group	175	...	...	5.4	17.9
2,337.50	Legal & Gen	479	-5	...	5.1	20.1
2,297.00	Liberty Life	985	-32	...	10.7	19.2
2,933.90	Lloyds Abbey	436	-4	17.3	5.0	15.7
192.70	Lloyd Thomp	285	-7	6.7	2.9	17.7
428.30	Londn & Man	356	-11	14.7	5.2	28.2
120.70	Lowndes Lamb	425	-5	13.5	4.0	15.3
4,061.30	Marsh McLn	5537½	+150	...	3.2	...
26.00	Orfel	126	+8	...	5.0	...
21.30	PWS	68	-1	4.0	7.4	9.9
6,347.00	Prudential	336	-1	...	4.6	22.3
516.60	Refuge	1005	-13	32.2	4.0	27.8
1,985.90	Royal	306	+3	...	2.7	...
935.30	Sedgwick	182	+3	...	4.1	22.4
70.70	Steel Burrill	151	+6	...	9.9	8.9
34.40	Sturge Hldgs	68	+1	6.5	11.9	6.9
2,909.70	Sun Alliance	361	-1	14.2	4.9	...
149.80	Trade Indemnty	82	+7	...	...	...
930.80	Transatlantic	314	-3	12.0	4.8	29.1
516.80	Utd Friendly	631	-7	15.1	3.0	27.5
930.80	Willis Corroon	223	...	...	3.7	47.9
5.24	Windsor	19	...	...	...	14.9

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
887.00	Alliance	1760	-6	45.5	3.2	38.5
223.20	Amer Trust	266	-7	5.2	2.4	55.6
471.60	Ang & O'seas	413	+14	6.8	2.1	52.4
71.50	BZW Conv	141½	...	7.8	6.9	∞
283.50	Bankers	183	+5	3.6	2.5	50.3
166.20	Baring Tribne	324	...	6.4	2.5	51.2
10.50	Berry Starq	202	-1	2.2	1.4	65.7
397.40	Br Assets	103½	+1	4.2	5.2	∞
109.10	Br Empire Sec	82	...	0.9	1.4	∞
3.72	-do- Wnts	28	...	...	...	...
605.30	Br Inv	194	+1	4.5	2.9	43.7
41.20	Contl Asset	190	-2	2.4	1.6	63.2
17.40	Derby Inc	147	-3	...	12.1	8.8
41.18	-do- Cap	268	+3	...	...	...
9.86	Drayton Blue	78	-1	8.4	13.5	8.7
34.50	-do- Eng Ind	76	-3	1.0	1.7	...
154.90	-do- Far East	134	+9	0.6	0.6	...
28.80	-do- Korea	125	...	0.5	0.5	...
210.50	Dunedin Inc G	664	-7	...	4.8	30.6
33.60	-do- Japan	84	-½	...	...	...
3.28	-do- Warrants	41	...	...	...	...
236.80	-do- Wrldw	707	+9	9.5	1.7	72.8
47.90	Dundee & Lon	285	-2½	...	3.9	26.3
860.80	Edinburgh	293 †	+3	8.5	3.6	32.1
475.80	Electra Inv	275	-5	6.8	3.1	37.5
166.30	Electric Gen	184	+2½	3.1	2.1	57.3
1.66	English Scot	110	...	...	...	...
76.80	European Asset	308	+5	...	2.3	40.0
31.20	Finsbury 'A'	130	-1	3.0	2.9	41.8
196.60	Fleming Amer	297	+2	0.8	0.4	...
114.80	-do- Claver	214	-1	...	3.1	42.2
209.00	Do Contl	330	-1	2.7	1.1	...
78.80	-do- Emp	197	-1	...	3.0	39.8
538.30	-do- F East	356	+16	1.1	0.4	...
41.20	-do- Fledg	327	...	3.0	1.1	...
28.30	-do- Hi Inc	99	-3	...	5.6	16.9
257.10	-do- Japan	223 †	+10	0.4	0.3	∞
444.00	-do- Merc	286½	+4½	6.7	2.9	61.3
387.80	-do- O'seas	382	+3	4.2	1.8	61.1
1,370.40	Foreign & Col	262½	+7½	...	1.6	71.5
105.00	-do- Eng Mkts	105	...	...	0.2	0.3
62.00	-do- Enterprise	66	-½	0.4	0.8	...
130.40	-do- Eurotst	221	-1	1.2	0.7	...
47.90	-do- German	122	...	0.5	0.5	...
327.00	-do- Pacific	307	+4	...	0.9	...
140.70	-do- Smaller	164½	-½	1.8	1.4	...
149.80	GT Japan	240	+16	...	0.7	...
30.10	Genl Cons Cap	166	...	...	...	...
40.60	-do- Inc	112	-1	...	9.7	11.3
37.90	Govett Am Smlr	152	-2	...	...	...
32.70	-do- Emg Mkts	109	-3	...	...	...
607.40	-do- Oriental	338 †	+7	0.9	0.4	...
281.20	-do- Strategy	266	...	6.7	3.2	∞
46.90	Greenfriar	408	+1	...	2.0	61.3
0.82	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
343.90	Inv Cap	139	...	...	4.7	26.5
27.30	IGS UK Smlr	91	+1	2.8	3.8	25.9
166.10	Kleinwort Chn	205	+2½	5.0	3.0	39.9
190.50	-do- O'seas	237½	+2½	3.3	1.7	67.5
19.00	-do- Smlr	136	-2	...	5.2	33.0
151.40	Law Debenture	667	+2	18.3	3.5	33.5
104.50	Majedie	199	-2	5.0	3.2	∞
275.20	Merchants	269	-5	...	5.1	25.0
4,923.10	Merrill Lynch	6169½	+150	...	...	...
398.10	Monks Inv Tst	513	+13	...	1.6	65.0
31.70	Morg Gren Inc	130	-1	4.5	4.4	∞
2.29	Do Warrants	47	...	...	...	...
16.70	Murray Euro	54	-1	0.1	0.4	...
1.08	Do Wts	18	-1	...	...	...
288.30	Murray Income	344	-3	10.9	4.0	32.9
419.50	-do- Intl	349	+1	11.6	4.2	31.5
233.40	-do- Small	416	+5	...	1.3	...
4.94	-do- S/C Inc	90 †	...	...	14.7	∞
4.61	-do- S/C Cap	117	+1	...	...	...
1.63	-do- S/C Uts	3150 †	...	...	4.2	∞
9.34	-do- S/C DP	156	...	...	...	...
76.10	-do- Vent	308	-1	...	4.4	24.9
35.60	Nwthrng Inc	91	-1	6.7	9.4	10.8
129.90	O'seas Inv Tst	341	+5	3.1	1.2	∞
94.40	Pacific Assets	477	+18	1.1	0.3	...
14.40	Do Warrants	376	+13	...	...	...
12.40	Personal Assets	8225	-25	190	2.9	48.6
301.30	RIT Cap Ptnr	167	+2½	1.1	0.9	...
24.50	River & Merc	122	-2	9.2	9.4	12.2
	Robeco	418	...	...	3.0	...
	Rolinco	419	-4	...	1.9	...
97.70	St Andrew Inv	284	-1	7.5	3.3	30.2
338.80	Scot American	151½	-4	...	3.8	31.8
59.00	Scott Asian	281	+8	...	...	...
5.39	do Warrants	770	+5	...	...	...
497.40	-do- Eastern	78½	-1	1.5	2.5	51.6
565.00	Scottish	222	+2½	4.6	2.6	46.0
799.00	-do- Mrge	221½	+2	4.0	2.3	57.5
47.70	-do- Value	99½	+1	1.8	2.3	∞
303.40	Second Allnce	1580	+1	...	3.1	39.8
285.10	Secs Tst of Scot	89 †	+2½	3.2	4.6	29.4
45.70	Selective Asset	158	-½	1.2	0.9	56.8
40.60	Sphere Inv	33½	...	3.1	11.6	10.8
78.60	TR Far East	169	+8½	...	3.7	31.9
299.10	TR City Of Lon	150½	+1	...	4.0	32.7
120.60	TR Pacific	180	+3	0.3	0.2	...
101.00	TR Property	35½	+½	0.9	3.2	37.2
44.40	TR Tech Inv	101	...	1.7	2.2	37.5
333.20	TR Smlr Cos	187	-2	...	2.5	43.2
197.10	Temple Bar	344	-½	13.2	4.8	25.9
109.50	Thrmtn Asian E	109½	+5½	0.5	0.6	...
227.90	Throgmorton	75	-½	2.3	3.8	30.6
17.30	Throg Dual Cp	495	-8	...	...	...
82.10	USDC Invest	238	...	4.5	2.4	43.8
48.10	Value Inc Tst	113½	+½	4.0	4.5	28.1
478.90	Whitbread Inv	759	+7	16.5	2.7	45.7
808.90	Witan	215	-1	5.6	3.3	37.7

LEISURE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
405.20	Airtours	439	-10	7.7	2.2	15.5
33.30	Ald Leis	52	-2	3.0	7.2	∞
184.30	Anglia TV	415	+21	...	2.8	19.2
16.00	Baldwin	88	+1	4.6	6.5	11.9
23.70	Barr & W 'A'	239	...	10.0	5.2	15.4
44.70	Boosey Hwks	1145	...	22.0	2.4	17.2
14.30	Border TV▲	138	...	...	3.0	12.4
13.10	Brent Walker	4½	...	...	...	...
4.13	Bristol Scots	74	...	...	...	...
7.23	Buckingham Inc	6	-½	...	...	...
7.80	Campari	75	...	8.7	14.6	...
151.30	Capital Radio	214	-12	5.2	3.1	24.7
1,470.60	Carlton Comm	739	-24	17.7	3.0	21.8
13.40	Castle Comm▲	215	...	...	5.0	14.0
552.80	Central TV	2055	-3	39.0	2.4	22.4
30.20	Chrysalis	114	...	...	...	...
497.10	Compass Gp	533	-13	...	2.9	16.5
58.40	Eurocamp	222	-8	9.7	5.5	9.2
629.00	Euro Disney	370	-143	...	3.1	...
5.51	Euro Leisure	3½	...	...	...	...
22.00	Ex-Lands	31½	-1½	...	1.4	...
30.10	Fairline Boats	288	-25	10.5	4.6	...
405.60	First Leisure	249	-27	6.2	3.1	17.2
17.70	GWR Gp▲	578	...	...	1.7	29.7
33.10	Grampian	235	-7	6.1	3.2	16.3
1.26	Greenwich Comm▲	18	-3	...	...	...
60.20	HTV Group	87	+1	...	...	38.6
27.50	Hi-Tec Sports	59	-5	...	4.8	...
21.10	Kunick	8½	-1	...	...	...
525.50	LWT Hldgs	508	+9	...	1.2	23.5
	Man Utd	550	+2	...	4.4	22.2
127.20	Owners Abrd	78	-4	3.9	6.3	6.3
29.70	The Pelican Gp	72	-4	...	1.9	16.9
14.60	Prism Leisure▲	170	...	...	2.4	19.8
9.12	Quadrant Grp	39	+1	...	...	...
28.40	Radio Clyde▲	315	-6	...	3.4	24.7
11.70	Ramsdens (H)	195	-4	...	2.9	25.9
211.20	Scot TV	440	...	10.3	2.9	21.7
15.60	Southern Radio	55	-3	0.7	1.8	22.9
112.60	Stanley Leisure	246	-4	4.3	2.2	19.4
7.36	Sunleigh▲	8	-½	...	...	...
7.37	Sunset & Vine	129 †	...	3.5	3.4	19.7
647.30	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.5	18.9
22.10	Ticketing▲	2½	...	...	...	...
17.30	Tottenham Hot	108	+2	...	2.4	5.6
22.30	Trans World▲	56	-2	...	1.8	20.4
49.70	Ulster TV	473	...	12.0	3.2	14.5
79.70	Vardon	109	+1	0.8	0.9	25.7
45.10	Wembley	17½	-½	...	...	...
10.10	Whitegate	35	-6	...	...	...
103.30	Yorkshire TV	205	+22	12.0	7.3	6.2
7.61	Zetters Gp	116	-1	8.0	8.6	13.1

MINING

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,346.20	Am Gold	5575	+131½	...	3.0	28.3
387.30	Ang Am Coal	1537½	-6½	...	6.0	8.0
5,575.10	Ang Am	2400	+103½	...	2.8	20.9
22.50	Anglo Pac Res▲	29	+½	...	...	...
47.30	Blyvoors	197	+9	...	...	...
5.46	Bracken	39 †	-4	...	...	∞
92.30	Buffels	839	+70	...	7.5	7.6
5.89	Butte	2½	+½	...	...	...
4,123.60	CRA	695	-24	...	2.9	23.9
23.60	Cluff Res	32½	+1½	...	...	...
5,132.80	De Beers	1350	+34½	...	3.6	18.5
148.30	Deelkraal	149	+21	...	1.3	17.2
28.40	Doornfontein	71	+3	...	...	...
1,546.20	Driefontein	856	+74	...	3.4	16.9
17.70	Durban	763	+103	...	...	...
73.90	E Rand Gold	161	+1	...	6.6	5.0
24.00	E Rand Prop	144	-21	...	...	...
42.50	Eastern Trans	55	...	...	4.3	11.8
453.80	Elandsrand	470	+5	...	2.5	11.6
1,227.00	FS Cons	1042	+82	...	4.6	13.7
14.20	FS Dev	64	-3	...	...	...
1,453.10	GFSA	1506	+38	...	2.6	26.1
1,389.90	Gencor	101	+10	...	8.7	∞
257.70	GM Kalgoorli	51½	+½	...	2.6	21.0
12.50	Greenwich R 'A'	15½	...	...	...	...
17.80	Grootvlei	156	+11	...	6.4	9.8
91.90	Harmony	342	+24	...	...	...
436.80	Hartles	390	+14	...	4.9	15.5
32.00	Inoco▲	15½	...	...	...	...
501.50	Impala Plat	793	+31	...	3.5	27.3
9.76	Kenmare Res▲	9½	...	...	...	...
195.30	Kinross	1085 †	+71	...	5.2	∞
974.40	Kloof	703	-12	...	3.0	9.9
18.20	Leslie	114 †	+4	...	9.1	∞
41.10	Loraine	251	+35	...	...	...
150.50	Lydenburg	950	...	...	2.1	∞
1,336.60	MIM	95½	-3	...	2.3	46.4
2,233.90	Minorco	1304	+45	...	3.0	15.4
938.90	Nth Brkn Hill	147½	-1	...	3.3	34.3
602.30	Orange Free	2675	+159½	...	4.7	21.7
6,857.50	RTZ	644½	-19½	...	5.3	17.8
88.50	Rand Mines	593½	+56½	...	7.3	∞
362.50	Randfontein	593	+10	...	4.8	8.9
348.00	Renison	175	-5	...	2.5	18.1
1,347.20	Rustnbrg	1075	+37½	...	3.0	∞
69.80	St Helena	725	+32	...	3.3	15.5
553.00	Southvaal	2127	+122	...	2.6	38.9
10.80	Stilfontein	83	+2	...	7.5	15.1
47.00	Unisel	151 †	+24	...	4.4	∞
7,904.30	Vaal Reefs	6300	+462½	...	3.4	11.4
244.30	Welkom	691	+36	...	4.7	21.8
222.90	Western Areas	553	+5	...	0.9	17.7
793.30	Western Deep	2862½	+212½	...	2.1	13.9
2,466.00	Wstrn Mining	257	+5	...	1.9	...
119.70	Winkels	983 †	+154	...	3.8	∞
79.70	Zambia Copper	65	...	...	...	...
71.60	Zandpan	55	...	...	5.5	18.6

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4.76	Abbey Panels	238	...	...	...	...
10.30	Airflow Stream	120 †	-5	3.0	3.1	11.6
79.80	Appleyard	130	-2	...	3.0	...
14.20	Blatchley Mtr	310	...	...	3.7	15.8
29.20	Boxtrom	185	-5	6.0	4.1	32.7
1,625.40	Br Aerospace	430	-14	7.3	2.1	...
56.90	Bumdene	50½	-2½	...	2.8	13.4
12.50	Caffyns	378	...	11.5	3.8	78.5
24.80	Caverdale	14½	-½	...	...	...
18.00	Central Mtr▲	135	...	...	3.7	34.3
11.50	Cook (DC)▲	27	+2	...	2.8	15.3
339.10	Cowie (T)	237	-4	6.6	3.5	18.0
24.70	Dag Motors	137	...	5.7	5.2	34.8
28.20	Davngrt Vern	149	...	...	3.4	18.8
32.10	ERF	327	+3	2.0	0.8	...
48.80	European Mtr	130	-3	...	3.4	18.3
86.80	Evans Halshaw	402	+1	11.4	3.6	61.9
165.10	FR Group	219 †	-7	...	4.1	10.2
20,324.70	Ford Motor	4131½	-12½	...	...	...
24,397.30	General Mtr	3437½	+181½	...	1.5	...
5.08	Gowrings	58	-1	2.0	4.5	...
95.80	Henlys	240	+3	3.5	1.8	...
9,395.60	Honda Motor	965	-28	...	0.9	...
3.25	Jacks (Wm)	30	...	...	...	...
8.56	Jessups	97	-1	4.5	5.9	...
283.80	Kwik-Fit	165	-2	...	2.7	23.3
377.10	Lex Service	399	+5½	...	3.5	21.8
28.50	Lookers	149	-1	6.2	5.2	...
1,235.60	Lucas	174	-1	...	5.0	...
24.40	Malaga Grp	27½	...	...	...	...
99.10	Pendragon	257	-1	...	3.1	21.1
42.70	Perry Gp	170	...	...	3.2	...
37.80	Quicks Group	165	...	...	3.6	21.1
2,025.20	Rolls-Royce	166	+9	...	3.8	...
968.50	T & N	193	+8	...	7.0	27.5
125.90	Trinity Hldgs	245	-6	...	2.0	22.7
77.70	Vardy (Reg)	170	...	...	3.1	23.8
213.20	Westland	224	...	4.2	3.4	19.8

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
28.20	Adscene	190	...	5.0	3.3	19.4
5.24	Black (A&C)	340	-8	13.5	5.0	13.9
316.60	Blenheim Gp	343	-5	...	3.4	12.8
56.70	Bristol	348	-1	...	4.2	31.4
480.00	Daily Mail	9600	+25	134	1.7	21.6
476.30	Daily Mail 'A'	9525	-25	134	1.8	21.4
212.90	Dorling Kind	345	-3	3.3	1.2	∞
593.40	EMAP	342	+5	...	2.9	21.1
271.80	Euromoney Pb	1390	+25	38.0	3.6	∞
18.80	Harrington K	197	-21	4.7	3.0	16.1
47.10	Haynes Pub	458	...	...	2.2	17.2
119.40	Hodder H'line	742	-9	5.1	1.9	39.1
11.00	Home Counts	116	...	5.2	6.0	...
50.60	Ind Bus Comm	130	-6	...	...	18.8
7.58	Int Cm & Data▲	11	-½	...	...	...
333.40	Independent	425	...	...	2.9	22.9
164.40	Johnstne Press	550	-5	6.5	1.5	23.8
31.70	Metal Bulletin	325	...	8.2	3.2	22.9
613.20	Mirror Gp	153	-8	...	...	...
8,842.30	News Corp	466	-4	...	0.3	...
1,823.20	News Intl	264	-11	...	0.6	16.2
3,195.20	Pearson	582	+27	...	2.6	31.6
73.30	Portsmth Sund	611	...	...	1.9	16.9
4,151.40	Reed Intl	740	-35	...	3.0	32.2
24.40	Southnews	161	...	...	3.8	29.6
65.30	Sterling Pub▲	166	-1	...	2.3	18.3
494.50	Telegraph	369	-5	...	4.1	15.5
4,754.50	Thomson Corp	835	...	...	1.1	41.7
236.30	Trinity Intl	345	-8	9.0	3.3	20.7
1.44	Unik Group▲	27	...	...	...	...
1,265.50	Utd Nwspprs	521	-16	...	3.2	14.5

OILS, GAS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
78.60	Aran Energy	38	-2½	...	...	27.3
22.60	Arcon Intl▲	39	...	...	...	...
	Ass Oil & Gas	60	...	...	...	...
21.80	Aviva Pet	69	-2	...	...	...
2.26	Beverley	6½	-2½	...	...	...
98.10	Br Borneo	218	-2	7.1	4.1	6.6
13,626.90	British Gas	315	-7	14.2	5.6	15.2
19,456.50	Br Petroleum	357	+6½	8.4	3.0	27.0
8.53	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
1,439.10	Burmah Castrl	728	-41	...	...	...
38.20	Cairn Energy	99	-4	...	5.6	17.2
483.00	Calor Gp	288	-2	...	...	8.4
175.70	Clyde Pet	44	-2	...	5.3	15.4
36.50	Coplex Res	36	-1	...	...	...
2.93	Edin Oil & Gas▲	17½	-3	...	...	...
2,221.80	Enterprise	452	-21	19.0	5.3	24.9
33.10	Exp Co Louis	36	-1	...	...	...
58.00	Fairhaven Intl	23½	-1	...	...	...
45.00	Fortune	4½	+½	...	4.5	8.6
83.10	Goal Pet	62	-1	...	...	...
36.20	Gt Western Res	40	-2	1.4	2.8	11.9
196.40	Hardy O & G	174	+7	...	...	...
63.20	Kelt Energy	41	...	...	0.7	16.2
960.40	LASMO	128½	-9½	...	3.2	20.0
4.96	-do- Units	70	-3	9.4	16.9	...
8.31	Mid Scot Res▲	4	...	...	...	...
352.10	Monument	53	-1	...	...	...
6.03	New London	5	-½	...	...	...
16.70	Nth Sea Assets	32	+3	1.0	3.9	11.1
107.10	Oil Search	35	-3	...	...	...
	Petrox	16	-1½	...	...	...
80.50	Pict Pet	156	+9	...	...	...
137.80	Premier	25½	-½	...	...	9.3
28.60	Presidio	113	...	...	5.9	...
388.90	Ranger	395	+10	...	4.1	...
36,654.10	Royal Dtch Pl	6837½	-325	...	4.5	17.0
9,898.60	Schlumberger	4087½	-69½	...	2.0	...
39.70	Seafield	60	...	...	...	...
22,873.50	Shell	690	-25	22.8	4.1	21.2
5.42	Sunrise Eng Sv	185	+9	...	...	...
14.00	Triton Europe	17	...	...	...	...
14.10	Villers Grp	14	...	...	...	...
1,296.70	Woodside	194½	-3½	...	1.8	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
26.10	AG Holdings	145	...	...	4.5	13.1
74.80	API	351	...	8.2	2.9	30.6
1,802.60	Arjo Wiggins	222	+1	...	3.7	35.9
80.30	Abbott Mead	535	-5	9.5	2.2	28.1
34.00	Aegis Gp	20	-1	...	...	...
16.70	Aspen Comm▲	129	...	...	4.7	11.7
1.47	BBB Design▲	18	...	...	...	...
93.00	Bemrose	369	-19	...	4.0	16.1
7.13	Birkdale	9	+1	...	...	...
533.60	Bunzl	126	-11	4.0	4.0	19.0
41.20	CIA Gp	352	+8	...	1.6	22.2
47.90	Capital Inds	179	-1	...	2.5	17.1
6.79	City of Lon▲	88	+8	...	5.5	16.2
23.30	Cropper (James)	289	...	3.1	1.3	27.9
3.66	Crown Comm▲	6 #	...	...	...	...
7.48	Delyn Group	88	...	1.6	2.4	11.8
26.70	Dolphin Pack	113	-1	4.5	5.0	27.9
8.61	Dudley Jenkins▲	75	+3	...	5.2	17.1
28.30	Elswick	13½	+2½	...	2.7	15.4
23.00	Fairway Group▲	74	...	3.2	5.5	21.8
111.50	Ferguson Intl	340 †	-1	...	4.6	15.4
14.90	Ferry Pick	110	...	...	6.4	29.7
13.20	Filofax▲	148	...	...	1.1	10.1
3.91	Fitch	11	...	...	...	...
11.70	Gibbon Lyons▲	139	...	...	4.8	14.6
54.40	Gold Greenless	207	-1	8.3	5.0	14.8
3.14	Goodhead	21	...	0.5	3.0	...
21.40	Hunterprint	37	...	...	...	...
8.84	Intereurope	165	-3	...	5.9	12.1
85.90	Jarvis Porter	270	...	...	2.2	25.2
13.30	Lopex	25	...	...	...	...
11.10	MMI	31½	-1½	...	...	...
107.20	More O'Ferrall	332	-2	13.2	5.0	39.7
43.90	NMC Group	110	-8	2.7	3.2	16.8
12.10	Osborne & Little	200	+24	...	2.9	22.0
322.20	Portals	498	-1	...	3.7	17.0
5.78	Premier Hlth	2	...	...	...	...
59.60	Quarto	283	-1	...	2.5	17.4
267.00	St Ives Gp	270	-8	...	2.5	17.8
389.60	Saatchi	177	-5	...	...	...
494.00	Sappi	329	-32	...	10.0	6.3
4.46	Serif▲	18	-6½	...	...	...
21.10	Shandwick	25½	-1	...	...	...
510.20	Smith David	330	-1	...	3.8	17.3
1,191.20	Smurfit (Jeff)	244	+7	...	1.7	5.8
1.62	Sonic	87	+15	2.5	3.9	32.8
45.10	Stat-Plus	210	-1	8.4	5.0	18.7
61.30	Taylor Nelson	28	-½	0.3	1.5	23.4
6.00	VTR▲	82	-1	...	5.2	23.4
499.70	WPP	96	-1	...	1.3	3.6
126.30	Wace	169	-8	...	0.7	...
192.20	Waddington (J)	239	-19	...	4.3	17.6
261.50	Warmough	392	-3	...	1.9	30.7
5.23	Westport▲	4½	-½	...	...	...
1.36	Whinney Mcke▲	19	...	...	...	...
14.00	Wood (SW)	85	+6	...	1.8	18.2

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
75.90	Allied Lon	109 †	-2	...	4.0	28.2
5.31	Arcadian	60 #	...	...	...	...
16.80	Asem Hldgs	4½	...	...	...	...
103.70	Asda	132	-2	...	2.0	13.9
59.00	Avonside	136	-5	4.1	3.8	19.0
7,197.90	BCE▲	2350	-37½	...	...	...
285.40	Bilton	650	-13	18.9	3.6	23.5
8.34	Bourne End	97 #	...	1.0	1.3	...
316.10	Bradford	220	-7	5.9	3.4	22.0
5.87	Bredero	16	...	...	...	...
1,196.80	Br Land	398	+2	...	2.2	36.3
519.00	Brixton	224	-8	...	4.7	17.7
138.20	Burford	84½	-2½	...	1.9	...
54.10	Cap & Regnl▲	181	-3	...	0.9	...
5.96	Cardiff Prop	230	...	2.4	1.3	...
109.60	Chesterfield	586	-6	11.5	2.5	41.6
4.32	City Site Ests	28	-7	...	...	...
5.56	Clarke Nickolls	27	...	...	...	...
6.24	Compco	300	...	12.9	3.6	65.2
26.90	Conrad Rhlat GS	45	...	...	...	...
225.80	Daejan	1385	+7	...	2.4	17.1
3.73	Dares Estates	2	...	...	...	...
49.80	Debenhm Twsn	114	...	...	3.3	22.2
3.31	De Morgan	7	...	...	...	...
32.10	Dencora	180	...	3.0	2.1	...
70.80	Derwent Hldgs	808	-25	8.7	1.8	75.8
46.30	Development Sec	39½	...	...	...	...
7.31	Dwyer	57	...	...	...	...
22.30	Estates Agency	372	-8	7.5	2.6	∞
4.17	Estates Gen	19½	-1½	...	...	...
140.60	Evans Of Leeds	212	-1	...	2.7	18.7
31.70	Five Oaks	32½	-1½	...	...	...
5.29	Fletcher King	63	...	1.0	2.0	41.7
244.00	Frogmore	485	-3	...	4.1	23.4
39.40	Grainger	198	-1	5.2	3.3	44.3
659.00	Gr Portland	216	+5	...	4.7	20.4
27.20	Greycoat	31	+5½	...	...	...
5,051.00	HK Land	188	+18	...	3.4	24.8
204.00	Hambro Cntyw	62	-6½	0.5	1.0	...
212.30	Hammerson	399	+3	10.0	3.1	40.4
700.00	-do- 'A'	364	+12	10.0	3.4	36.8
46.80	Helical Bar	288	-1	...	2.1	10.3
33.10	Hemingway	35	-2½	...	...	...
9.60	Herring Baker	60	-1	3.7	7.8	15.1
2.66	Jermyn	133	-5	...	...	...
3,582.50	Land Sec	708	-6	22.8	4.0	21.3
260.20	Lon Merch Sec	107	-2	4.0	4.7	16.6
1.99	Lon & Metro	7½	...	...	...	...
1,925.50	MEPC	496	-11	...	5.0	21.3
4.51	McInerney A	7½	...	...	...	...
39.40	McKay Secs	145	...	3.5	3.0	19.9
4.58	Marklieath	3½	-½	...	...	...
8.86	Merivale Mrr	64	...	...	...	...
1.32	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
15.00	Moorfield Ex	46	...	...	...	...
61.90	Mountview	1265	+65	20.0	2.0	12.6
165.90	Mucklow (A&J)	170 †	...	...	4.5	26.5
7.00	Olives Prop	41	-3	...	...	...
2.27	Osory Est	2½	-2½	...	...	0.7
198.00	PSIT	163	-5	4.1	3.2	32.3
284.10	Peel	356	-2	4.0	1.4	...
6.98	Power Corp	6	-½	...	...	...
6.83	Property Trust	36	-1	...	...	10.3
14.70	Raglan	47	...	...	...	...
25.30	Regalian	21½	-2	...	...	...
16.20	Rowlinson Secs	130	...	1.5	1.5	34.5
53.70	St Modwen Prp	46	-1	0.9	2.4	35.0
27.00	Savills	73	-1	...	1.7	28.9
87.40	Scot Met	90	-3	...	2.1	∞
56.90	Shaftesbury	117	...	...	...	...
1.06	Shield	11	...	...	...	5.8
96.10	Slough Estates	246	-4	...	4.1	17.2
75.20	Southend Prop	81	-5	...	3.7	...
53.10	Stanhope Prp▲	32	-3	...	...	...
108.80	Tops Ests	225	...	2.1	1.2	...
135.70	Town Centre	134	-1	...	3.2	23.6
59.80	Trafford Park	88	...	...	4.0	20.3
1.30	UK Land	30	-2	...	...	...
15.50	Union Square	8	...	...	...	...
130.70	Warner	269	...	10.4	4.8	24.6
81.40	Warnford	212	...	7.5	4.4	15.5
2.51	Waterglade	2½	+½	...	...	...
132.70	Wates	86	-8	...	...	...
5.42	Wood John D▲	66	-2	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1.48	Automagic▲	26	+13	...	...	...
60.60	Headlam	178	-1	...	2.1	40.2
21.50	Lambert	355	...	13.2	4.7	8.7
11.90	Pittards	55	...	1.5	3.4	15.7
37.50	Strong & Fisher	22	-1	1.0	5.7	6.1
41.50	Stylo	217	+7	...	1.7	...
24.20	UK Safety	63 †	...	...	5.2	2.1

TEXTILES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
149.20	Allied Text	518	-1	12.7	3.1	16.6
6.84	Beckman (A)	56	-2	3.5	8.0	∞
2.92	Bolton Gp	31	-2	...	...	∞
22.60	Br Mohair	170	...	8.5	6.2	15.9
2.49	Chartwell▲	40	...	...	...	...
140.20	Claremont Ga	348	-3	7.5	2.7	21.7
578.70	Courtauld Tex	573	-3	13.9	3.0	15.7
4.84	Cupid▲	27	+1	...	...	...
290.50	Dawson	186	-4	...	6.0	14.2
6.50	Drummond	40	-1	...	...	...
9.70	Faupel▲	83	...	...	7.4	12.9
2.17	Foster (John)	19	-1	...	...	...
5.78	Gaskell	119	...	4.2	4.5	...
36.00	Hicking Pntcst	218	-2	...	2.3	16.9
5.28	Jerome (S)	70 †	-3	...	0.4	...
126.30	Lamont	421 †	...	12.0	3.6	27.8
94.80	Leeds	499	...	...	1.9	24.1
0.39	Lister	57	-1	0.1	0.2	...
6.25	Lyles (S)	86	...	...	4.8	...
54.80	Magellan	215	+1	1.4	0.8	...
12.20	Parkland 'A'	213 †	-1	3.0	1.8	...
185.70	Readicut	96½	-1	...	4.5	18.2
2.21	SEET	55	-4	...	...	...
72.20	Sirdar	135	-1	...	5.0	9.3
61.60	Stirling Gp	71	-1	1.8	3.3	17.4
31.60	Stoddard	45	...	...	4.2	41.8
17.70	Tomkinsons	284	-6	11.5	5.1	24.5
8.39	West Trust	33½	-½	2.5	9.3	∞
20.80	Yorklyde	208 †	-5	...	3.2	13.6

TOBACCOS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
15,759.40	BAT	512	+51	...	4.7	15.3

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
893.00	Assoc Br Ports	476	-7	...	2.3	...
4,569.60	BAA	896	+4	...	2.2	33.2
3,790.50	Br Airways	399	+12½	...	3.3	19.2
21.70	Clarkson (H)	95	-3	1.7	2.3	...
26.30	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
1,201.10	Eurotunnel Uts	449	-11	...	...	...
19.70	Fisher (James)	80	...	0.5	0.8	21.5
31.00	IoM Steam	207	...	...	5.1	10.9
7.83	Jacobs (JI)	34	-1	0.5	1.6	...
15.40	Lon O'Seas Frts	102	+7	...	1.3	18.7
181.80	Mersey Docks	428	+10	...	2.6	29.1
103.40	Nat Express	261	-1	...	3.4	27.0
1,324.10	NFC	239	-25	6.5	3.4	18.2
502.40	Ocean Group	326	...	...	5.5	...
25.80	Ocean Wilson	65 †	...	4.0	7.7	11.8
3,211.90	P & O Dfd	538	-11	...	7.1	29.2
123.90	P & O 5 1/2%	186	...	...	3.7	...
394.10	Powell Duffryn	598	-13	...	4.7	23.2
20.80	Seacon▲	214	-11	...	3.2	13.5
170.80	Stagecoach	141	-10	...	3.4	∞
415.40	TNT	77½	-1	...	...	...
328.90	Tibbet & Britn	751	-22	12.6	2.1	28.8
105.20	Tiphook	95	...	...	25.4	...
399.60	TDG	272	-6½	...	4.4	9.0

WATER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,497.80	Anglian Water	506	+1½	...	5.4	10.0
59.30	Mid Kent Hdgs	347	...	...	3.8	12.8
450.20	Northumbrian	665	-9	...	4.4	6.9
1,928.40	North West	517	+2	...	5.2	9.2
1,899.10	Severn Trent	529	-9	...	5.0	8.5
948.60	Sthrn Water	566	-7	...	4.7	9.4
84.80	Sth Staffs	1515	...	47.0	3.9	10.8
711.70	South West	568	-11	...	5.2	9.3
2,073.70	Thames Water	529	...	...	5.2	10.2
903.30	Welsh Water	626	-18	...	4.7	8.3
790.00	Wessex Water	631	-10	...	4.3	9.5
1,070.40	Yorkshire W	536	-7	...	5.0	9.1

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ◊ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
2,100	Treas 8½% 1994	100⅝	-⅛	8.45	5.47
550	Treas 14½% 1994	102⅝	-⅛	14.12	5.47
1,100	Exch 13½% 1994	103⅝	-⅛	13.03	5.41
1,900	Treas 10% 1994	102⅝ †	-⅛	9.74	5.38
1,240	Exch 12½% 1994	105⅝	-⅛	11.87	5.31
1,900	Treas 9% 1994	103⅝ †	...	8.69	5.32
2,350	Treas 12% 1995	107⅝	-⅛	11.15	5.32
214	Gas 3% 1990-95	97⅝	-⅛	3.08	4.80
2,500	Exch 10¼% 1995	107⅝	-⅛	9.52	5.39
840	Treas 12¾% 1995	113⅝	-⅛	11.21	5.45
770	Treas 14% 1996	117⅝	-⅛	11.95	5.52
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	121⅝	...	12.51	5.61
800	Exch 13¼% 1996	117⅝ †	+⅛	11.28	5.60
3,409	Conv 10% 1996	111⅝ †	...	8.98	5.70
1,290	Treas 13¼% 1997	120⅝	+⅛	10.96	5.93
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	113⅝	...	9.27	5.92
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	109⅝	+⅛	8.01	5.98
830	Exch 15% 1997	130⅝	+⅛	11.49	6.15
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	112⅝	+⅛	8.65	6.19
6,250	Treas 7¼% 1998	104⅝	+⅛	6.95	6.09
1,600	Treas 7¼% B 1998	104⅝	+⅛	6.95	6.10
1,200	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101⅝	...	6.64	5.56
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	129⅝ †	+⅛	10.83	6.43

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
935	Treas 15½% 1998	138	+⅛	11.23	6.31
3,909	Exch 12% 1998	123⅝ †	+⅛	9.73	6.45
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	113¼	+⅛	8.39	6.40
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	125⅝	+¼	9.77	6.53
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	118½ †	+⅛	8.86	6.45
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	118⅝ †	+⅛	8.67	6.52
5,358	Conv 9% 2000	112⅝	+¼	7.98	6.49
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	132⅝	-¼	9.78	6.76
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	118⅝	+⅛	8.46	6.76
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	118⅝	+⅝	8.22	6.87
7,600	Treas 8% 2003	108⅝ †	-⅝	7.38	6.78
2,500	Treas 10% 2003	121⅝	+1⅛	8.22	6.91
1,620	Treas 11½% 2001-04	125⅝	+⅝	9.17	7.00
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	80⅝	+1⅛	4.36	6.03
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	119	+1⅛	7.98	6.98
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	119⅝	+1⅝	7.96	7.01
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	137⅝ †	+1⅛	9.11	7.21
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	106⅝	+1¼	7.50	7.00
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	130⅝	+1⅛	9.04	7.20
5,497	Treas 8½% 2007	112⅝	+1⅝	7.58	7.08
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	145⅝	+1½	9.30	7.22

LONGS (over 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
5,321	Treas 9% 2008	117¼	+1½	7.68	7.11
3,100	Treas 8% 2009	108⅝	+1½	7.40	7.13
4,273	Conv 9% 2011	118⅝	+1½	7.60	7.14
5,190	Treas 9% 2012	119	+1⅝	7.56	7.13
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	86½	+1⅛	6.33	6.73
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	106½	+1⅝	7.25	7.06
4,350	Treas 8% 2013	109⅝	+1⅝	7.33	7.12
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	149⅝ †	+2⅝	8.05	7.29
6,950	Treas 8¾% 2017	118⅝	+1⅝	7.40	7.13

UNDATED

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,909	War Ln 3½%	48⅝ †	+⅛	7.18	...
475	Treas 2½%	33⅝	+⅛	7.37	...

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Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
800	Treas IL 2% 1994	136⅝ †	+⅛	...	...
1,200	Treas IL 2% 1996	202⅝	+⅛	1.37	2.23
600	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	112⅝	+⅛	1.99	2.20
1,350	Treas IL 2½% 2001	172	+¼	2.53	2.88
1,050	Treas IL 2½% 2003	168⅝ †	+⅛	2.70	2.99
600	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	114⅝	...	2.74	3.02
1,550	Treas IL 2% 2006	178⅝	-⅛	2.75	2.97
1,550	Treas IL 2½% 2009	162⅝ †	-⅛	2.82	3.11
1,800	Treas IL 2½% 2011	169⅝	-⅛	2.97	3.15
2,150	Treas IL 2½% 2013	140	+⅛	3.01	3.17
2,400	Treas IL 2½% 2016	150⅝	-⅛	3.05	3.20
2,400	Treas IL 2½% 2020	145⅝	-¼	3.10	3.21
1,700	Treas IL 2½% 2024	122	-¼	3.10	3.21

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Swiss group ties up deal on packaging

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Cross-border bank payments to be made safer

BY PATRICIA TEHAN
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

EUROPEAN central banks have agreed to implement a series of principles for running bank payment systems to make large cross-border payments more secure and reduce the risks of a domino effect if any big bank collapsed.

The need for EC-wide action stems from introduction of a single market in banking. Since January, a bank licensed by one EC country has been able to operate throughout the community without seeking a banking licence in each country. This has made it possible for banks to become members of the payment system of a different community member state from the country in which they are licensed.

Supervision of a bank could therefore become split between the central bank of one country and the payment system of another.

EC central bankers feared "regulation by arbitrage" where banks might be tempted to choose to be supervised in the country with the most relaxed controls, seeking the easiest way of becoming part of the banking system. EC central banks will deliver their report — Minimum Common Features for Domestic Payment Systems — to the committee of governors of the central banks of EC member countries today.

The working group was chaired by Tomasso Padoa-Schioppa, deputy director-general of the Bank of Italy and chairman of the Basle committee of G10 central bank supervisors.

The report recommends that EC central banks gradually adopt common standards by accepting ten principles. The most difficult and costly of these is the move towards a real-time system to settle of transactions as they are made, into which as many high value payments as possible should be channelled.

At present, transactions are settled at the end of each day. But this incurs a risk to the EC banking system if a bank were to fail with heavy dealings made with other banks during the day still outstanding.

Signor Padoa-Schioppa said: "The technology that is required to design and develop a real-time gross settlement system is very large and requires time. It is a matter of some years, it is not a matter of some months." He added that time will also be needed because commercial banks will need to provide more collateral to process payments on a gross settlement basis.

The Bank of England has already started work on a real-time settlements system, based on the Clearing House Automated Payments System (Chaps). The Bank hopes work will be completed by 1995.

The report also recommends that only institutions with a banking licence should be entitled to participate directly in inter-bank funds transfer systems.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

QVC seeks court ruling on Paramount offer

A US court will be asked tomorrow to put Paramount Communications up for auction to the highest bidder. QVC Network, the cable television home shopping channel, on Friday raised its bid for the Hollywood studio by 12.5 per cent to $10.6 billion. QVC claims its attempt to get a fair hearing from the Paramount shareholders is being obstructed by poison pill clauses between Paramount and its preferred merger partner Viacom, a maker of cable television programmes.

QVC's offer tops the $10.1 billion from Viacom and was upped after signing up BellSouth, the telephone company, which is prepared to back QVC's offer with $1.5 billion. QVC is bidding $90 a share in cash for 51 per cent of Paramount and offering a mixture of shares for the rest. Viacom's is $85 a share and a mixture of ordinary and preferred paper.

SB soft drinks denial

SMITHKLINE Beecham has denied reports that it is considering selling its Lucozade and Ribena soft drink brands. A newspaper report had suggested that Jan Leschly, who is head of SB's drugs division and is due eventually to succeed Bob Bauman as chief executive, was likely to put the two consumer brands up for sale. The newspaper report also suggested that there was a rift between Mr Bauman and Mr Leschly. A spokesman for SB said yesterday: "There is no question of a rift between Mr Bauman and Mr Leschly, and there is no intention of selling Ribena or Lucozade."

Privatisation nearer

ITALY'S first big privatisation drew nearer after the watchdog of the Rome bourse gave its blessing to the sales prospectus for Credito Italiano SpA, the state bank that is due to be sold in the first few days of next month. Approval by Consob, the Italian stock exchange regulator, of the offer was the last big hurdle for the sale of Credito and paves the way for its disposal. The privatisation aims to attract the public who will be reserved at least 40 per cent of the 840 million ordinary shares on offer by the Italian Institute for Industrial Reconstruction.

Small firms optimistic

THE latest survey on small businesses by National Westminster Bank and the Small Business Research Trust has found a continuing improvement in the level of sales and employment among small firms, with greater optimism for the future. The quarterly survey, from a sample of more than 1,000 small businesses, examines current standings as well as future expectations on sales, employment levels and likely investment. Sales are particularly positive, recovering to the level where they were in the third quarter of 1990, although still some way off peak levels.

Renault-Volvo meeting

PEHR Gyllenhammar, chairman of Volvo, and Soren Gyll, managing director, are expected to meet Renault chiefs in Paris this week over their proposed merger. It is thought that Volvo will try to win sufficient assurances over privatisation of the French carmaker and the use of the golden share France intends to put in place to present to shareholders with the Swedish group's nine-month results on Thursday in an effort to get approval for the merger. France has said the golden share would protect the merged company from any country wanting to enter the car industry cheaply.

Swiss group ties up deal on packaging

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

ALUSUISSE-LONZA, the Swiss chemicals to packaging group, is to acquire Lawson Mardon, the Canadian packaging company, in a deal that values Lawson at C$555 million (£289 million).

The Swiss company has agreed to buy Cragnotti & Partners' controlling interest in Lawson Mardon before making an offer for the outstanding equity of both its A and B shares.

The offer price of C$14 a share represents a premium of about 50 per cent on the price of the A shares at the end of last week.

The acquisition of C&P's shares will see Alusuisse-Lonza's holding rise from 3.2 per cent to 35.9 per cent of the equity, and from 1.4 per cent to 54.0 per cent of the votes.

The move reflects Alusuisse-Lonza's intention to expand its packaging operations.

Lawson Mardon, which reported net income of C$17.4 million on turnover of C$1.3 billion last year, is a leading supplier of flexible packaging and folding cartons, with about 80 per cent of sales generated in Europe.

Alusuisse-Lonza said that the acquisition would be funded initially through existing bank facilities. However, it did not rule out a rights issue in the longer term.

Last year, the company reported net income of SFr121 million (£55 million) on turnover of SFr6.5 billion.

CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.4777 (-0.0020)
German mark
2.5074 (-0.0059)
Exchange index
80.7 (-0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
2343.7 (+11.8)
FT-SE 100
3099.1 (+13.5)
New York Dow Jones
3684.51 (+41.08)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
18493.55 (-96 91)

British Airways poised to fly higher after cutting costs

AS THE Chancellor contemplates the precise ingredients of his first Budget, he may be well advised to listen to City noises emerging in response to a string of company trading statements and statistics that should paint a clearer picture on the pace of the fragile economic recovery.

British Airways, which is chaired by Sir Colin Marshall, should provide a solid start to another busy week for company results and economic statistics as it announces profits for its key second-quarter period today.

In spite of the worldwide recession and losses hanging over most airlines, Mike Powell, of NatWest Securities, expects a healthy advance in total traffic growth to help lift BA's second-quarter pre-tax profits to £175 million (£135 million), giving £238 million, compared with £223 million, for the half year. Market forecasts range from £130 million to £175 million. An improved interim dividend of at least 3.1p against 3.06p is predicted.

BA will continue to reap the rewards of past cost cutting, with the company having taken out about £450 million of costs in the past two years alone. BA will also benefit from a better than expected 11.1 per cent increase in total traffic growth in the second quarter and signs of a recovery in its highly-profitable premium traffic business.

"Against a backdrop of considerable losses at most of Europe's other major airlines, BA will again demonstrate the benefits of determined cost control and its strong competitive position within the airline industry," NatWest said.



Sir Colin Marshall has steered BA through the recession that has hit the airline industry

TODAY

British Steel is on course to make a profit, albeit a small one, in its half-year results, reversing £51 million losses in the corresponding period last year. Panmure Gordon expects the steel producer to turn in interim profits of £5 million, after successfully pushing through a string of price increases. Market forecasts range from break-even to £25 million of profits.

The company has announced four price rises so far this year, with the latest round set to take effect for the first quarter of next year. Brokers estimate that every 1 per cent increase on price adds £40 million to the profits line.

Interims: Aitken Hume International, Baring Stratton Investment Trust, British Airways, British Steel, Critchley Group, Cullen's Holdings, De La Rue, Eid-Parry (India), Renold, Sidlaw Group, Vibroplant.

Finals: Fenner, Tadpole Technology, Telegraph (Q3).

TOMORROW

Philip Morrish, of Smith New Court, expects **BOC Group**, the industrial gases and healthcare group, to report final pre-tax profits ahead to £335 million, compared with £215 million, which was hit by a £117 million exceptional goodwill charge. Market forecasts range from £335 million to £345 million.

BAA, the airports operator, is forecast to report interim pre-tax profits ahead to £240 million (£220 million), according to NatWest Securities. Market expectations range from £240 million to £260 million. A dividend of 7p (6.25p) is forecast.

John Karidis, of Hoare Govett, is looking for interim pre-tax profits at **FKI**, the electrical engineering group, to advance to £21 million (£16 million). Forecasts range from £20 million to £22 million. An improved dividend of 1.5p, compared with 1.2p, is predicted.

Interims: Ascot Holdings, BAA, Capital House International Growth Fund, CML Microsystems, European Motor Holdings, FKI, Kembrey, Marshalls, SW Wood Group.

Finals: BOC Group, Ferraris Group, General Accident (Q3), Moran Holdings, River & Mercantile American Capital and Income Trust (3ID).

REPORTING THIS WEEK

Sedgwick (Q3), Tepnel Diagnostics, VTR.

Economic statistics: Public sector borrowing requirement (October), acquisitions and mergers within the UK (Q3).

WEDNESDAY

Courtaulds, the industrial materials and chemicals group, will have felt the effects of pricing pressures on its American rayon operation, a poor acrylics market and tough conditions at its cigarette filter business, which has been hit by over-supply. Smith New Court forecasts "clean" interim pre-tax profits of £85 million (£88.5 million). Market forecasts range from £83 million to £96 million.

Interims: Atreus, Courtaulds, Electrolux, Essex Water, Foreign & Colonial German Investment Trust, Jarvis Porter, Land Securities, Meyer International, Portsmouth and Sunderland Newspapers, Property Partnerships, Regalian Properties, Suffolk Water, Volex Group, Vosper Thornycroft Holdings, Young & Co's Brewery.

Finals: Commercial Union (Q3), M&G Income Investment Trust, M&G Recovery Investment Trust, Thomson Corporation (Q3).

Economic statistics: Retail prices index (October), retail sales (October), financial statistics (October), capital expenditure, stocks and work in progress (Q3 — provisional), overseas earnings from royalties (1990, 1991 and provisional data for 1992).

THURSDAY

Cable and Wireless should please the City with substantially higher profits and a boosted interim dividend. The team at Hoare Govett has pencilled in first-half pre-tax profits of £490 million, compared with £378 million. Market forecasts range from between £482 million and £520 million. A dividend of 5.3p, against 4.75p, is predicted. Its core business, including an excellent performance from Mercury, should be the main engine behind the soaring earnings growth. But analysts will want to know exactly how Mercury is faring in the light of tough competition at the top end and additional customer support costs, which are dragging on profits.

Whitbread kicks off the brewers' reporting season. UBS expects interim pre-tax profits to be fairly flat at £127 million, in spite of the group's above average exposure to food retailing. A dividend of 4.9p, compared with 4.75p, is forecast.

Analysts expect **Storehouse**, the BhS to Mothercare retailing group, to boost first-half pre-tax profits to between £14 million and £18 million, up from £3.1 million last time.

The annual summer downturn in domestic sales for **British Gas** will see the company report its usual third-quarter seasonal loss. Hoare Govett forecasts a £165 million pre-tax loss on a historical cost basis, compared with £183 million last time.

Interims: Brockhampton Holdings, Cable and Wireless, Chester Waterworks, Ferranti International, Grampian Television, Hardy Oil & Gas, CE Heath, Hogg Robinson Group, Thomas Locker, Martin Currie European Investment Trust, Merchant Retail Group, Porter Chadburn, RPH Group, Arthur Shaw & Co, 600 Group, Storehouse, Whitbread, York Waterworks.

Finals: Bett Brothers, British Gas (Q3), Glasgow Income Trust, Millwall Holdings, National Australia Bank, River & Mercantile Trust (3ID), Volvo (Q3), Westpac Banking Corporation.

Economic statistics: Major British banking groups' monthly statement (October), provisional estimates of monetary aggregates (October), building societies monthly figures (October), labour market statistics: unemployment and unfilled vacancies (October — provisional); average earnings indices (September — provisional); employment, hours, productivity and unit wage costs; industrial disputes; includes long-term unemployment (October), provisional figures for vehicle production (October), machine tools (September).

FRIDAY

Interims: Black Arrow Group, Czech & Slovak Investment, Lazard Select Investment Trust, MMI, Smaller Companies Investment Trust (2ID), TR Property Investment Trust.

Finals: Black & Edgington, City Merchants High Yield Trust, Fidelity Japan OTC and Regional Markets Fund, Foreign & Colonial Eurotrust, Lynx Holdings.

Economic statistics: Balance of trade with countries outide the EC (October), UK output, income, and expenditure (Q3).

PHILIP PANGALOS

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 36

LAPILLUS
(b) A small stone or pebble ejected from a volcano, from the Latin diminutive of *lapis* a stone: "Ashes and lapilli of the size of nuts were projected as far as 40 miles." "What lapillus can we expect to emerge from the ferment of your seething intellect tonight, Herr Professor?"

MENDACILOQUENT
(a) Speaking lies, from the Latin *mendax* lying, mendacious + *loqui* to speak: "A witty and famous Gentleman in the Art of Mendaciloquence."

FANNY ADAMS
(a) Sweet Fanny Adams is, strictly, something previously existent, but now non-existent. In 1867 Fanny Adams, a child of eight, was murdered in a hop-garden at Alton, Hants, and her body horribly dismembered. The Royal Navy, with gruesome humour, adopted her name as a synonym for tinned mutton, which was first issued at this time. Sweet Fanny Adams, and Sweet F.A., contrary to a coarser explanation of the abbreviation, have become a phrase for anything worthless.

GILLAROO
(c) A species of trout found in Irish rivers and lakes, from the Irish *giolla* lad + *ruadh* red: "Trouts, which are called gillaroo, are found in Loch Melvin, near Ballyshannon, and Loch Con, near Ballina, and differ little from the common trout, except in being of a bright golden yellow on the belly and fins, with more red spots on the sides, and somewhat broader and thicker in form."

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Fine words in Whitehall — hard times in the Midlands

Philip Basset says that Kenneth Clarke is likely to hear in practical terms how CBI members are struggling to climb out of the recession

NEVILLE CHADWICK



Malcolm Taylor, managing director of Bridgeport Machines, says recovery now depends on the Chancellor

Two weeks before his Budget, Kenneth Clarke will hear first-hand today whether British business thinks the government's much-vaunted economic recovery has any real strength. In the plush cocoon of Harrogate's conference centre, leaders of the Confederation of British Industry will tell the Chancellor how far they think their companies have emerged from recession.

At the CBI's conference, a galaxy of political and industrial stars, ranging from Mr Clarke to Jacques Delors, from Peter Sutherland of Gatt to Lord Owen of Bosnia, from John Smith to Michael Heseltine, will twinkle and pontificate. Down at ground level, under leaden Midlands skies, the reality of recession and fragility of recovery are starkly apparent.

Bridgeport Machines has been in Leicester since before the first world war. It is still there now. Just. Many companies like Bridgeport are not; they were sucked down into the economic vortex of the past three years. Bridgeport, an outpost of Britain's dwindling machine tool industry and not itself a direct CBI member, nearly went down too — and its directors accept that if trade volumes do not pick up, sheer survival remains the key question facing their company and others like it.

"We have to make this work," says Robin Mowday, company secretary. "Any more surgery will be fatal." Harsh medicine has been applied in the recession, after a two-thirds plunge in turnover. A production plant at Bridlington has been closed. The workforce has been cut from 850 to 320, expensive but vital research has been abandoned and new markets sought as far afield as China. For a relatively small company, £7 million losses over the past three years have been grievous.

"After taking an awful lot of hurt," says Malcolm Taylor, managing director, "we are in the shape where we can regenerate and grow the business — providing we get an upturn that will give us the volume of sales we need."

Mr Taylor acknowledges it could go either way. Much will depend on what Mr Clarke does. Whether steps taken over the financial deficit will be so harsh as to snuff out what tentative recovery firms like Bridgeport, which has just started rehiring, are seeing.

That sense of industry being finely balanced, poised between being able to crawl slowly out of the abyss of the past three years and the real danger of slipping back into it, is likely to be what the Chancellor hears most in Harrogate.

Last year's CBI gathering, traumatised by Britain's unceremonious ejection from the ERM, struck an angry tone towards the government. Howard Davies, CBI director-general, thinks today's conference will be different, reasoning: "There is a general feeling of giving a bit more benefit of the doubt". CBI pronunciations on the recovery are becoming mantra-like: it is "patchy", "fragile", "uneven". Well, yes — though there are those in the CBI, let alone elsewhere, increasingly concerned that these are little more than thinly-disguised code for the unsayable "the recovery isn't happening." Firms have not seen the hoped-for rise in enquiries and orders. Mr Davies said: "They were pleased by the strength of the first half, but puzzled by the weakness of the second so far."

Mr Davies' restatement about industry's unease over the anti-Europeanism in parts of the Conservative government has prompted a political row. But despite that, industry does feel more comfortable with the government now. Partly that is because of Europe — the collapse of the ERM adventure has prompted what recovery there has been, and industry is grateful for that.

Government has clearly been making an effort: not just at the DTI but particularly in the Treasury — whose lofty certainty, business feels, has been punctured by the ERM débâcle. Civil servants have ventured out to the wilder shores of industry to take a nervous look at what life there is like.

Industry, in the guise of the CBI, has also scored well in offering advice to the government. Last year's autumn statement and two successive rounds of public sector pay policy were seen as having been formulated at least as much in Howard Davies' 10th-floor Centre Point office as in the gloomy corridors of the Treasury — if not substantially more. Mr Davies has pushed further, pressing for a white paper on government relations with industry: in effect, a medium-term economic strategy. After private talks recently with John Major, trying to build on the prime minister's declaration in May of a "new partnership" with industry, Mr Davies now knows he probably will not get that. But a more explicit recognition of the role of industry, and the government's relations with it, is expected in the preamble to Mr Clarke's Budget.

A good deal of that upping of industry's act is down to Mr Davies himself. "He's got more going for him than Banham had," says one engineering MD, referring to the CBI's previous director-general, now Sir John Banham. "I took us out of the CBI because I just couldn't stand him acting like a bull in a china shop." His company is now likely to rejoin.

But the CBI claims its membership has held up in the recession, though it refuses to publish any figures. The industrial great and good on the CBI president's committee — the likes of Bob Evans of British Gas, Sir Denys Henderson of ICI, Sir David Lees of GKN, Ian McAllister of Ford or Sir Patrick Sheehy of BAT — show the CBI's still-considerable sway with British business, at least, big British business. That sway runs beyond boardrooms, too. A McKinsey survey, admittedly commissioned by the CBI itself, purportedly found that the CBI scored highly with ministers, mandarins and others questioned about the confederation's lobbying performance. As well as trying to merge with the Engineering Employers Federation to improve its service and its membership base, the CBI is upping its lobbying by identifying a CBI industrialist in each parliamentary constituency, by improving links with non-industry groups and by sharpening its handling of particular issues.

"This place is about results," says Mr Davies unequivocally. "It's about achieving things. And everything flows from that." Fine words; but for Bridgeport and its like, what matters is not the equally fine words that will doubtless flow from Harrogate over the next few days but what practical help the recovery will get after the business and political leaders return to their very different workplaces.

Whether it's Gatt or Nafta, they don't really hafta



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Whipping up an atmosphere of crisis over trade talks may be the only way of getting people to pay enough attention to agree, but it can cause a lot of needless trouble if the bluff is called. Securities houses are issuing dire warnings of the consequences for financial markets if Congress fails to agree the North American Free Trade Agreement on Wednesday. Fear of an outbreak of protectionism might, it is said, knock the dollar and could trigger a break in share and bond markets.

As I suggested last week, there are still tricky international economic imbalances and, therefore, the potential for a nasty break in markets still exists. Failure of the Nafta vote would, however, make no change to anything in the short term. It could therefore trigger such a break only if international investors were looking for an excuse.

A strange chain of connections has been constructed. From both sides of the Atlantic, a spurious link has been made between the December 15 "deadline" for final agreement on the Uruguay round of Gatt and the Congress vote on Nafta. From Europe, the theory is that America is waiting to get Nafta out of the way before it gets down to serious haggling over Gatt.

Once Nafta is approved, on this thinking, Micky Kantor, President Clinton's trade representative, will be able to climb down yet again over EC farm export subsidies and allow cultural protection to save French households from being bombarded with Hollywood trash. In Washington, Gatt and Nafta have been tenuously linked as two battles in the same war between free trade and protection. By rejecting Nafta, America would send the wrong signals to the world and undermine the president.

In each case, a second *non sequitor* is being trotted out to bang heads together: failure to agree a deal to open trade further will bring a descent into protectionism and trade war. There is absolutely no reason why this should happen unless governments and people want it to happen. If they do, it is no wonder they are having trouble negotiating extensions to free trade. And if that is the prevailing mentality, the treaties would probably make little difference. Liberalisation would be offset by far-fetched anti-dumping actions and strong-arm tactics to impose or retain "voluntary" restraints. These are already breaking down the agreements to encourage market economies in Eastern Europe that were entered into with such enthusiasm so recently.

If this emotional blackmail over Nafta and Gatt sounds familiar, that is because the legislators or voters of EC member states were subjected to exactly the same process over the Maastricht treaty. The only difference is that, in Europe, this was conveyed in a miasma of condescending pomposity. In America, Mr Clinton campaigns in a baseball cap inscribed "Nafta, we Hafta". Europe's worthies were, perhaps wise not to try to reduce Maastricht to such a snappy slogan. Remember the dire warnings of what would happen to sterling and the stock market if Parliament rejected the treaty. Either the Community would break apart if Maastricht were not agreed or, more insidiously, if your country said no it would be excluded or left out, while the others went ahead. In the event, passage of Maastricht has meant nothing except to the diplomats.

> 'In Europe, gains to consumers could be made without a treaty'

While Americans have been told Nafta is crucial, they have also been told it will have little impact on them because Mexico's economy is relatively so small and the ten-year phasing-in period has been softened by various side deals. The treaty is still important. To start with it gives more hope to the economy of Mexico, where the negative first-round adjustments will also be the greatest, — helping to tie it more closely with the democratic West.

Further ahead, the free trade area can clearly be extended all the way to Tierra del Fuego, creating an equivalent zone to the European Community or the Japanese sphere of industrial influence in the Far East. In that sense, paradoxically, Nafta would make a Gatt deal far less important to America.

Gatt has likewise been sold in quite the wrong way, as a sacrifice in the interests of the world economy. Having failed to convince people of the virtues of Maastricht, politicians have not even tried with the Uruguay round, merely telling them that the agreement is good for them and that huge increases in world trade are at stake.

Certainly, the economies of developing countries and farm exporters could grow faster if a deal is done. Yet the aspects of the Gatt treaty most helpful to developing countries could be free-standing and do not depend on overall agreement. Nor are they a panacea for the developing world, which would also feel most of the initial pain.

In Europe, gains to consumers could be made without a treaty. There is, for instance, nothing to stop car quotas being dropped and no obvious connection with leather exports. The industrial interest is using the Gatt negotiations as a way to rein back some of the worst aspects of the Common Agricultural Policy that the EC cannot deal with internally. Self-sufficiency or rural protection have some appeal, subsidising large scale exports makes no sense. Yet the Gatt deal would retain them, albeit on a somewhat smaller scale.

For free trade, the most critical elements in the Gatt round are measures to strengthen enforcement through disputes procedures and, potentially, the attempt to convert the secretariat into a fully fledged International Trade Organisation. That was the lacuna in the postwar liberal order and has forced trade progress to depend on treaties in which diplomats do stately dances and go to the wire over mutual concessions. The protracted Uruguay round has actually held back trade initiatives that would otherwise have been taken. Even if some deal is finally patched up, it must be the last of its kind.

Hidden currents in inflation data

CITY EDITOR

Bond markets these days, even more than their equity counterparts, are dominated by foreign investors. Traders are primarily concerned with global "arbitrage" possibilities, and researchers with "comparative" international analysis. Securities in different countries are priced at levels that equate their "expected" returns in a common currency. Indeed, the difference in the yield curves of the bond markets of any two countries is largely a reflection of the anticipated progress of the relevant exchange rate.

What everyone needs to know, of course, is how the various currencies will behave. No one has a consistently good track record in this, but that has not prevented people from having strong views on the subject. Often, the market adopts a robust opinion and sticks to it in the face of apparently contradictory data.

The French authorities know the inertia (bias?) of market opinion. The traders' disparaging view of the franc over the last couple of years meant that interest rates in France had to stay high in spite of impressively low inflation. The result was penally expensive credit, in real terms, and an exaggerated economic downturn. The recession would probably have been bad anyway, but, in the event, was devastating. Little wonder that French ministers, paranoid at the best of times, saw it all as an Anglo-Saxon plot to undermine their credibility.

It is easy to poke fun at the French, but similar circumstances may emerge in Britain in the next 12 months or so. Inflation here could be much below consensus forecasts. Everyone concedes that the "headline" figure for Retail Price Index (RPI) inflation is currently unsatisfactory; it is distorted by including *one-off* effects of events in the wake of sterling's exit from the ERM. Most people focus on the fall in mortgage costs, without which inflation would be a deal higher than the current calculation indicates — 3.75 per cent instead of 1.75. The higher figure will re-emerge, it is pointed out, when the mortgage-rate cut drops out of the 12-month calculation.

Perhaps so, but if we are removing short-term irregularities from published inflation numbers, we might do well to do it comprehensively. When sterling left the ERM, it was devalued, and that produced a one-off hike in import costs. That hike is embedded in the published 12-month calculation of inflation, but it too will disappear in the months ahead. If it is appropriate to correct for distortion from a change in mortgage costs, is it not sensible to do so for distortion from devaluation?

The 12 per cent loss in sterling's value in September 1992 is likely to have lifted the current estimate of inflation by 3 per cent, or possibly more. So, the "underlying" figure at the moment, net of change in mortgage rates and surge in import costs, might be below 1 per cent! By autumn 1994, the published RPI inflation figure, far from rising towards the top of the Chancellor's target range, could well have fallen towards the bottom.

Would the markets dismiss the data as being an ephemeral irrelevance, as they did with France, or would they lift gilt prices in a fit of euphoria? It probably depends upon which set of investors is calling the tune then. The international brigade would probably take the former line. They would see sterling as unreliable and British chancellors as incapable of being entrusted with control of money policy, and so would find it appropriate that gilts continue to be valued at yields a couple of points above those in New York.

Local investors might see things differently. Pension funds, with actuarilly-defined obligations, could hardly fail to be impressed by the gap between bond yields and inflation (*a fortiori*, that between yields and wage increases). At a time when income from equities was faltering, our guess is that gilts would be snapped up. For us, gilt valuations are set to extend their gains.

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Homing in on the British

THE new home furnishings store, The Pier, which opened on the fashionable Kings Road, London, last week may have been dismissed by some as just another nouveau niche retailer. But the opening marks the latest phase in the aggressive expansion plans of Pier 1 Imports, America's largest speciality retailer of home furnishings. Marvin Girouard, the president and chief operating officer, intends to expand the chain from its current eight stores to about 40 within the next five years and has already invested £4 million in the roll-out. "I see a tremendously profitable future for us here. And with the economy starting to pick up, this has to be the right time to start." Aimed at women, aged 25 to 44, with household incomes of more than £25,000, The Pier will compete with Habitat. The Reject Shop as well as a host of independent retailers. Indeed, the British arm is headed by Alison Richards, a former buying director of Habitat. The company, which made pre-tax profits of $36 million on sales of $629 million for the year to February, operates more than 600 stores in North America selling furniture, housewares and gifts. Its arrival on British shores marks the latest stage in a steady invasion by American retailers, including The Gap, Toys R Us and Costco.



Alison Richards and Marvin Girouard at The Pier

Steered out

LLOYD'S names at Gooda Walker Action Group's impassioned annual meeting last week were confronted by an unusual offer by a fellow sufferer. The Hon Marya Egerton-Warburton, a member on 27 syndicates, including Gooda Walker syndicate 298, was spotted thrusting a pamphlet into names' hands. She was offering names the tantalising opportunity to invest in an anti-theft steering-wheel lock and alarm system at £99.95. Those among the 400 names present lucky enough to still own a car, let alone have £99.95 to spare, were having none of it, and Egerton-Warburton was asked to leave before she could clinch any sales.

Changing places

A FRESH round of changes in the City, with Katie Potts, highly regarded electronics analyst at SG Warburg Securities, signing up with Rutherford Asset Management, the fund manager best known for its Pilot investment trust. Potts joins this week to assist on special projects. "We're absolutely delighted," says Stephen Hazell-Smith, managing director. Down in Swan Lane, BZW has appointed Andrew Bruce as head of credit risk management. Bruce, 44, joins in January from JP Morgan, where he runs European credit operations. David Band, BZW's chief executive, said that the appointment reflected the growing importance of credit risk in trading and lending activities.

City address

HELMUT Schlesinger, former president of the Deutsche Bundesbank, is set to share his thoughts with City dignitaries. Tonight, he is due to deliver City University Business School's 15th Henry Thornton Lecture, an annual address in honour of the distinguished monetary economist. This is one of Schlesinger's first public speaking engagements since stepping down from the Bundesbank in September.

Varsity cards

THE University of Cambridge has launched a credit card for graduates and staff. The Visa card is backed by Beneficial Bank, which pioneered alumni credit cards as a way of generating extra income for academic institutions with the launch, four years ago, of the Open University card. Since then, the "affinity" Visa card has earned the Open University an extra £500,000, and other institutions have been quick to cash in on the idea. The Cambridge card bears a photograph of the Senate House, familiar to all those whose graduation ceremonies have taken place there. Other universities which have similar schemes include Leicester, Bath, Westminster, Middlesex, Wolverhampton, Oxford Brookes and Imperial College in London. More schemes are planned next year.

Market forces

LAST week was the second busiest ever on the New York Stock Exchange. About 312 million shares were traded on average each day. Top place, however, is still held for October 1987 — the month of the crash — when the average daily number of shares traded hit 460 million.

Monopoly money

CITY gents who enjoy playing with vast amounts of cash are preparing for the second City Monopoly Challenge, to be held at the Barbican on December 1. Last year, teams from Abbey National, Coopers & Lybrand and others raised £30,000 for Children with Leukaemia, and hopes for a new record are high. Anyone who is interested should call (081) 742 2169.

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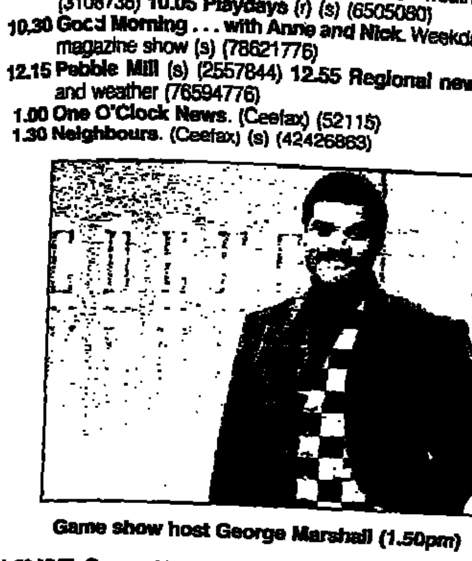
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7.00 **Breakfast News** (52871863)
9.05 **Kilroy**. Topical discussion (s) (9319689)
9.45 **Newshound**. Daily quiz (s) (1754931)
10.00 News. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (3108738) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (6505080)
10.30 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine show (s) (78621776)
12.15 Pebble Mill (s) (2557844) **12.55 Regional news** and weather (76594776)
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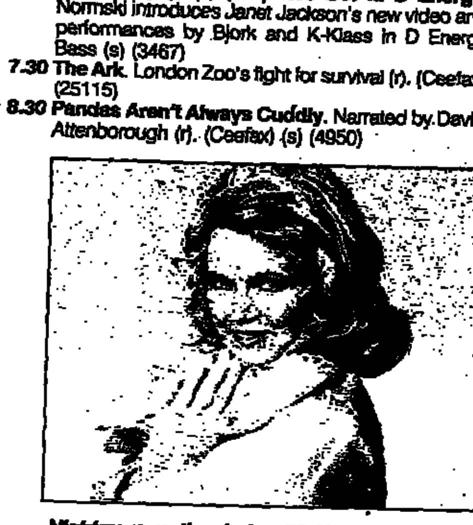


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5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (820863). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News. (Ceefax) Weather (979)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (931). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s)
7.00 Telly Addicts. Third quarter-final (s) (5825)
7.30 Watchdog reports on consumer power in *Nottinghamshire* and how heavy goods vehicles contribute to cycling deaths. (Ceefax) (115)
8.00 The Good Life. Self-sufficiency comedy series. (r). (Ceefax) (4573)
8.30 CHOICE **Get Back**. *Recession comedy*. (Ceefax) (s) (3080)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (3958)
9.30 Panorama: A Very British Folly. Ian Breech examines the necessity for Thorp, a nuclear "laundry" to clean the used fuel of a new generation of atomic power stations (409689)
10.10 House of Cards. The final episode of Michael Dobbs's story of political intrigue (r). (Ceefax) (761931). **Northern Ireland:** The Back Page (175592): *10.35-11.35 House of Cards* (634573). **Wales:** *Expert Witness (165115): 10.40-11.40* House of Cards (633844)
11.10 Film 93 With Barry Norman. Includes reviews of *The Man without a Face, Demolition Man* and *Aladdin* (s) (747776). **Northern Ireland:** 11.35-12.05am Film 93 (526405)
11.40 Careering Ahead. Service personnel's adjustment to civilian life (r) (525776). **Northern Ireland:** 12.05-12.35am Careering Ahead (3198210). **Wales:** 11.40 Film 93 With Barry Norman (525776)
12.10-12.15am Weather (6815055). **Northern Ireland:** 12.35-12.55 The Sky at Night (4028608). **Wales:** 12.10-12.40 Careering Ahead (3197581)
2.00 BBC Select: *The* Royal Institution Evening Discourse (42351); *3.00* RCN Nursing Update (67413). Ends at **3.30**

BBC2

8.00 Breakfast News (9646028)
8.15 Past and Present Preserved. The House of Orange (r) (9669979) **8.30 Arthur Negus Enjoys**. A visit to Dudmaston (r) (3460776) **8.50 A Week to Remember** (b/w). Pathé News of 1953 (6545689)
9.00 Reviving Antiques (r) (7836912)
9.05 Daytime on 2. Educational programmes. Including, for children: **1.20 Gordon T. Gopher** (87947931); **1.30 Christopher Crocodile** (96495134) and **1.35 Crystal Tipps and Alistair** (96494405)
2.00 News. (Ceefax) and weather (90327283) **2.05 Numbertime** (s) (14288283)
2.15 Regional Westminster Programmes (r) (298844). **Northern Ireland:** Seabrook's Year
2.45 A Week to Remember (b/w) (as 8.50am) (9948009)
2.55 Consuming Passions. Healthy dishes by chef Ian Pamenter (3806009)
3.00 News. (Ceefax) and weather (4753689) **3.05 Songs of Praise** on Remembrance Sunday (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9345641)
3.45 Breakout. Damien Johnson samples an adventure holiday (r) (7161115) **3.50 News**. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (7142080)
4.00 Catchword (s) (844) **4.30 Wildlife Showcase**. Birds on the Normandy coast (r) (888)
5.00 Today's the Day. Anniversary quiz (6931)
5.30 The Wartime Kitchen and Garden. Ruth Mott prepares cheap recipes using second world war rations (r). (Ceefax) (s) (680)
6.00 The Addams Family (b/w). (Ceefax) (223202)
6.25 Def II: Les Lives. Les prepares to go to the moon (s) (576931) **6.30 Def II: The Real McCoy**. Stand-up comedy (r) (s) (573) **7.00 Def II: D Energy**. Normski introduces Janet Jackson's new video and performances by Bjork and K-Klass in D Energy Bass (s) (3467)
7.30 The Ark. London Zoo's fight for survival (r). (Ceefax) (25115)
8.30 Pandas Aren't Always Cuddly. Narrated by David Attenborough (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4950)



Nightmare mother-in-law Dickinson (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Wild Palms**. A 21st-century thriller. (Ceefax) (s) (9009)
10.30 Newsnight. *From the Black Dyke Mill, in Bradford, Jeremy Paxman hosts a discussion on Britain's economic future.* (Ceefax) (546979)
11.15 The Late Show. Sarah Dunant *presents a review of tonight's Wild Palms* (s) (664009)
11.55 Weatherview (389196)
12.00 FILM: L'Enfance nue (1968). Part of the season of films celebrating the London Film Festival. A ten-year-old foster child becomes increasingly violent as he is transferred from one home to another. In French with English subtitles. Directed by Maurice Pialat (3338326). Ends at **1.25am**
2.00-4.00 Night School. *Language File* (94697)

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CHOICE

Wild Palms
BBC2, 9.00pm

Oliver *Stone's compulsive five-part drama, based on a comic strip by Bruce Wagner, is a futuristic soap which plunges its hero into a terrifying world of virtual* reality and political conspiracy. It is 2007 in Los Angeles but lawyer Harry Wyckoff (James Belushi) is becoming confused. Why does horrendous violence provoke no response from others? What is the secret agenda of his old flame and why are his children so distant? When he takes a job at a new TV network, the owner (Robert Loggia) introduces him to a technology which distorts reality still further. Despite over-the-top villains (particularly Angie Dickinson as Harry's *sinister mother-in-law*), this is intelligent, designer sci-fi *which wonderfully exploits our technophobia.*

Homicide: Life on the Street
Channel 4, 10.00pm

This new cops series directed by Barry Levinson of Rain Man fame, is very much in the Hill Street Blues tradition with the camera jerkily catching up with people mid-sentence and a number of stories going on at the same time. Set in Baltimore, and concentrating on the work of a homicide squad, the series gets off to an interesting start with several key characters coming into focus. Among them are Ned Beatty's seen-it-all *detective*; Richard Belzer as *his fiery partner* and Melissa Leo as the tough-but-beautiful token woman on the team. Particularly *charismatic* is Andre Braugher as the squad's *enigmatic loner* who describes interrogation as "an act of salesmanship", the product for sale being a long prison sentence.



Beatty, right, and the homicide squad (C4, 10.00pm)

Cutting Edge: Searching for Susan
Channel 4, 9.00pm

This sad documentary tells the story of an unusual runaway, 14-year-old Susan Calam. Highly academic, she astonished her middle-class parents by disappearing last May, leaving a note saying that she had been raped and was pregnant. The cameras follow Sylvia and Geoff Calam as they embark on a *painstaking search* which takes them from London *shopping precincts to the* busking community in York. "She *never* gave us *any trouble*" is Sylvia Calam's earnest refrain, but as *time goes on she begins to* wonder whether she ever really knew her. Because Susan was adopted as a baby, there is a suggestion that she could have gone in search of her real parents, but this turns out to be a red herring. The truth is at the same time more simple and more unexpected.

Get Back
BBC1, 8.30pm

The recession comedy ends its current series with Martin and Loretta making the momentous discovery that their daughter Eleanor has had sex, a revelation that is especially painful given the staleness of their own marriage. Predictably, Martin (Ray Winstone) *does not react well to this news about daddy's little girl. There is a melancholy side* to the story, as Loretta (Carol Harrison) *remembers* her own misguided youth and grandad *reminisces embarrassingly about* his enormous sex drive. But if the laughs are *muted*, the episode does offer a kind of gentle family *therapy* as Martin realises that his daughter's violator is just a meek-looking youth in an anorak. **Stephanie Billen**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV presented by Michael Wilson and Eamonn Holmes **9.00 Top of the Morning**. Topical family magazine, including *health matters with Dr Hilary* Jones (8192776)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep. Trolley dash (s) (7864825) **9.55 London Today** (6521028)
10.00 The Time ... The Place ... Topical debate with John Stapleton (s) (3621950)
10.35 This Morning. Daily magazine hosted by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley (78615115) **12.20 London Today** (7412370)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News. (Teletext) Weather (9450592)
12.55 **Coronation Street** (r). (Teletext) (9435283)
1.25 Home and Away. (Teletext) (30704641)
1.55 A Country Practice. Medical drama in the Australian outback (42421318)
2.20 Capital Women. Anneka Rice and Stephen Gardener talk to women undergoing treatment for breast cancer (s) (59043283)
2.50 The Young Doctors. Hospital drama series (7599844) **3.20 ITN News** headlines (4760979) *3.25* **London Today** (4752950)
3.30 Children's ITV: Tots TV (s) (2792931) **3.40 Wizadora** (7173950) *3.50* **Wowser** (r) (7179134) **4.00 Sooty and Co**. With Matthew Corbett (s) (4875955) **4.25 Tiny Toon Adventures** (4290196) **4.50 How 2**. Facts and fun series (2972009)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (2397318)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (430399)
6.00 **London Tonight**. (Teletext) (79221)
7.00 The Krypton Factor. George Burns tests the *mental and physical agility of four more contestants in the final Group C heat. (Teletext) (3221)*
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (283)
8.00 Strike It Lucky. Michael Barrymore hosts the high-tech game show. (Teletext) (s) (9641)
8.30 World In Action. Investigative series (s) (8776)

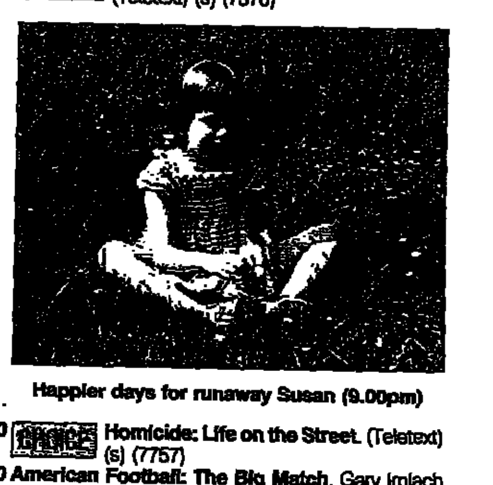


Archer and Hackman on the edge (9.00pm)

9.00 FILM: Narrow Margin (1990). Nail-biting chase *thriller* starring Gene Hackman and Anne Archer. An *assistant district attorney finds himself on board a train hurtling through the Canadian Rockies with a* reluctant *eye-witness to a mob killing. Directed by* Peter Hyams. (Teletext) (s) (6028)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (44047) **10.30 London Tonight** (364467)
10.40 FILM: Narrow Margin. The chase comes to an end. (Teletext) (s) (999912)
11.30 Magnum. Tom Selleck stars as the Hawaiian private eye (28414)
12.30am The Beat. Music from Grant Lee Buffalo, Auteurs and Sidi Bou Said. Films under review are *Demolition Man and So, I Married an Axe Murderer* (s) (55603)
1.30 60 Minutes. American news magazine (3124784)
2.20 Nite Bites. Late-night snacks (7176332)
2.30 Sport AM (13974)
3.30 Videofashion. Why designers favour the colour black (96448)
4.00 Hollywood Report. A British view of Tinseltown (r) (s) (92023)
4.30 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. American film reviews (r) (53210)
5.00 Riviera. French soap (22852)
5.30 ITN Morning News (55993). *Ends at* **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors (r) (1213486) **6.50 The Wombles**. Cartoon adventures on Wimbeldon Common (r) (2938757)
7.00 The Big Breakfast introduced by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin. Including at **7.45** The Crunch with Zig Zag, **8.45** Home Video Report and at **8.50** Paula's Boudoir (42738)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Game show with Bill Cosby (r) (s) (21196)
9.30 Schools: Geography — *Start Here! (5476738)* **9.46** Talk, Write and Read (5499689) **10.02** Science — Start Here! (8357931) *10.18* World Studies (5343738) *10.40 The English Programme* (8121844) **11.07** Time for Maths (7964467) **11.18** Your World (7988047) **11.30** Rat-A-Tat-Tat (5583134) **11.45** Junior Technology (5588689)
12.00 Right to Reply. Sheena McDonald presents viewers' comments on television (r). (Teletext) (s) (34660)
12.30 Sesame Street. Today's guest on the early learning series is Johnny Cash (64080)
1.30 Bobobobs. *Cartoon (r)* (68115)
2.00 FILM: Judgment Deferred (1951, *b/w*). *Offbeat thriller* starring Hugh Sinclair. An *investigative* journalist discovers a group of down-and-outs who are determined to prove that one of them was falsely imprisoned on a drugs charge. With Helen Shingler and Joan Collins. Directed by John Baxter (942283)
3.35 The Three Stooges (b/w). The trio are appointed *as royal guards* (7764863)
3.55 Plant Life: The Green Machine. The wonders of photosynthesis (r). (Teletext) (3455405)
4.30 Fifteen to One. William G. Stewart hosts the knockout quiz. (Teletext) (s) (196)
5.00 The Late Late Show. Music and conversation from Dublin, with Gay Byrne (s) (2414)
6.00 Batman. Comic-strip adventures of the caped *crusader (Adam West). The Mad Hatter's crime spree continues*. With Burt Ward as Robin (689)
6.30 The Wonder Years. *Adolescent comedy drama* starring Fred Savage. Jack and Norma leave town (r). (Teletext) (641)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow. (Teletext) Weather (832370)
7.50 Comment. Janet Booth's grandfather, Harry Farr, was shot for cowardice in 1916. She is campaigning *to clear his name (478370)*
8.00 Brookside. *(Teletext) (s) (7283)*
8.30 Desmond's: Coughs and Sneezes. *The Peckham* barber is struck down with flu. With Norman Beaton. (Teletext) (s) (6318)
9.00 CHOICE **Cutting Edge: Searching for Susan**. (Teletext) (s) (7370)



Happier days for runaway Susan (9.00pm)

10.00 CHOICE **Homicide: Life on the Street**. (Teletext) (s) (7757)
11.00 American Football: The Big Match. Gary Imlach *presents action from the NFL* (539399)
12.20am Evening Shade: The Trials of Wood Newton. American comedy series *starring Burt Reynolds as a retired American football player. Wood Newton's* father-in-law makes a court appearance. With Marlu Henner (r) (s) (3105500)
12.50 Let the Blood Run Free. Anarchic Australian comedy series set in a ramshackle hospital. Cronkshonk falls in love with Nurse Effie (r). (Teletext) (s) (3573513). Ends at **1.15**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW. 4.00am** Bruno Brookes (**FM** only) **7.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News 93 **6.30** Evening Session with Jo Wiley and Steve Lamacq **9.00** Windbags **9.30** Glitter and Twisted *10.00 Mark Radcliffe 12.00-***4.00am** Lynn Parsons (**FM** only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** *Sarah Kennedy* **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Edwina Currie *2.00pm Gloria Hunniford* **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory **7.30** Alan Dell with Dance Band Days **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey *Lyttelton* **10.00** A Swing Affair **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** *Digby Fairweather* with Jazz Notes **1.00** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

5.00am World Service **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** Schools: Active Service **9.20** Storybox **9.30** The Song Tree: *Music Course* **9.45** *Let's Move* **10.05** History **10.25** Johnnie Walker with the AM Alternative **12.30pm** More Nosh, Less Dosh **1.00** News and Sport **1.10** The Crunch with Liz Kershaw **2.30** *BFBS Worldwide* **4.05** *John Inverdale's Drive-In* **6.30** The Green Hornet **7.15** Sniff Bounces Back **7.30** Champion Sport **9.30** X Minus One **10.10** Fabulous! **12.00-12.10am** News, Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** *News in German* **5.00** Morgenmagazin **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** News **6.10** British News **6.15** The Learning World **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Kershaw in Cuba **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Health Matters **8.30** Anything Goes **9.00** News **9.05** Business Report **9.15** Images of Britain **9.30** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News **10.01** *Making America* **10.30** The Vintage Chart Show **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** News **12.10pm** *Words of Faith* **12.15** *Hoax* **12.45** *Sports Roundup* **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf. *The Master* **2.45** American Icons **3.00** News **3.15** Great Political Speeches **3.30** *Kennedy's Bean Shot* **4.00** *News* **4.10** British News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** Nachrichten **7.05** Kaleidoskop **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.10** British News **10.15** Meridian **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** *Business Report* **11.15** *On Screen* **11.30** Multitrack 1 **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Quote, Unquote **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Folk Routes **1.45** Health Matters **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Hoax **3.00** News **3.10** British News **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** John Peel **4.00** News **4.15** Health Matters

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** *Lunchtime Concerto:* Handel (Organ Concerto in B flat) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Close Encounters of a Musical Kind. Leonard Bernstein **8.00** Evening Concert: *Glinka* (Overture Ruslan and *Ludmila*); Schubert(Fantasy in C, *D760*). *Mozart* (Piano Concerto No 24 in C minor K491); Franck (Symphonic Variations); Ravel (Boléro) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-5.00am** Andre Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-4.00am** Paul Coyle

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 The Good Yarn Show (59043283) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News (4752950) **5.10-5.40** Swot or Wot? (2397318) **6.00** *Home and Away* (227028) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (192979) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News and Weather (364467) *11.30 Crime Story* (918860) **12.25am** Tropical Heat (4542142) **1.25** Sport AM (6543448) **2.25** Donahue (3616993) **3.10** The Beat (9348784) **4.05** On *the Live Side* (43669061) **4.30** Riviera (53210) **5.00-5.30** *Jobfinder* (22852)

CENTRAL

As London except: **9.55am-10.00** Central News (6521028) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News (7412370) **1.55** Shortland Street (42421318) **2.20** Cooking with Kurma *(59043283)* **2.50-3.20** *A Country Practice* (7599844) **3.25-3.30** Central News (4752950) **5.10-5.40** Animal Country (2397318) **6.00** Home and Away (227028) **6.25-7.00** *Central News (192979)* **10.30-10.40** Central News (364467) **11.30** World Championship Boxing (28414) **12.30am** *Sail the World* (37055) **1.00** Coach (45245) **1.30** *FILM: West 11* (46784) **3.00** Sport AM (38719) **4.00** Jobfinder (7689806) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (2239087)

HTV WEST

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 HTV News (6521028) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV News (7412370) **2.20-2.50** Yan Can Cook (59043283) **3.25-3.30** HTV News (4752950) *6.00-7.00 HTV News* (79221) **10.30-10.40** HTV News and Weather (364467) *11.30* The War of the Worlds (918860) **12.25am** Tropical Heat (4542142) **1.25** Sport AM (6543448) **2.25** Donahue (3616993) **3.10** The Beat (9348784) **4.05** On the Live Side (43669061) **4.30** Riviera (53210) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (22852)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 12.20pm-12.30 HTV Wales News and Weather (7412370) *3.25-3.30 HTV Wales News (4752950)* **6.00** Wales at Six (937) **6.30-7.00** Primetime (399) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales News (364467)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (6521028) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (7412370) **2.20** Houseparty (59043283) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (7599844) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News (4752950) **5.37-5.40** *Three Minutes (952202)* **6.00** Meridian Tonight (937) **6.30-7.00** Spirit of the South (399) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News and Weather (364467) **11.30** Confidential (39776) **12.00am-12.30** The Hidden Room (54264) **2.30-3.30** Sport AM (13974) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (22852)

TYNE-TEES

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Tyne *Tees News (6521028)* **12.20pm** Tyne Tees News (7436318) **12.25-12.30** Lookaround (7437689) **2.20** An Invitation to Remember (59052931) **2.45-2.50** Help Yourself (3802283) *3.25-3.30* Tyne Tees News (4752950) **5.55** Tyne Tees News (815283) **6.30-7.00** The Dales Diary (399) **10.30-10.40** Tyne Tees News (364467) **11.30** *Prisoner: Cell Block H (918860)* **12.25am** Sail the World (3288429) **12.55** FILM: The Crossing (418239) **2.40** Entertainment UK *(3903697)* **3.40** ITV Chart Show (7513968) **4.30-5.30** Jobfinder (71968)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 1.55pm The Young Doctors (27237554) **2.25** *Gardening Time* (59051202) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (7599844) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live *(79221)* **10.30-10.40** *Westcountry Latest* (364467) **11.30** *Westcountry Focus: Power* Game (39776) **12.00am** Around the World in 15 *Minutes* with Peter Ustinov (7677448) **12.20** *My Story (6902535)* **12.25** *Tropical* Heat (4542142) **1.25** Sport AM (6543448) **2.25** Donahue (3616993) **3.10** The Beat (3348784) **4.05** On the Live Side (43669061) **4.30** *Riviera (53210)* *5.00-5.30 Jobfinder* (22852)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Calen*dar News (6521028)* **12.20pm-12.30** Calendar News (7412370) **2.20** An Invitation to Remember (59052931) **2.45-2.50** Help Yourself (3802283) **3.25-3.30** Calendar *News (4752950)* **5.55** Calendar News (815283) **6.30-7.00** The Dales Diary (399) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News (364467) **11.30** Prisoner: Cell Block H (918860) **12.25am** *Sail the World (3288429)* **12.55** *FILM:* The Crossing (Pierre Arditi, Mathilda May) (418239) **2.40** Entertainment UK (3903697) **3.40** *ITV Chart Show (7513968)* **4.30-5.30** *Jobfinder (71968)*

S4C

Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (42738) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (21196) **9.30** Schools (944979) **12.00pm** Right to Reply (34660) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (69844) **1.00** Roseanne (45825) **1.30** Hangin' With Mr Cooper (68115) **2.00** FILM: It Happened One Night (Clark Gable) (438370) **3.55** Women in the Woods (7825270) **4.00** Slot 23 (5172) **5.00** *Batman (8399)* **5.30** Fifteen to One (776) **6.00** Newyddion (300825) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (579028) **6.25** Heno (183221) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (1863) **7.30** Y Byd Ar Bedwar *(825)* **8.00** *Natur Wyllt* (7283) **8.30** Newyddion (6318) **9.00** Sgorio (7370) **10.00** Brookside (42689) **10.30** Cheers (28009) **11.00** American Football (809660) **12.15am** I'll Fly Away (716581)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air with Andrew McGregor. Hassler (Three Entrées); Grieg *(Holberg Suite); Mozart (Piano* Concerto No 11 in F, K413); Telemann (Trio Sonata in F); Liszt (Valse oubliée No 1); Poulenc (*Organ Concerto*)
9.00 Composers of the Week: The Mannheim School. The Early Years 1740-60. Johann Stamitz (*Symphony in D, Op 3* No 2); *Franz Xaver Richter* (Flute Concerto in E minor); Johann Stamitz (Sinfonia Pastorale in D, Op 4 No 2)
10.00 Musical Encounters with Chris de Souza. Leipzig, Five Centuries of Music-Making. Mendelssohn (Psalm 114, Op 51); Kuhnau (Biblical Sonata No 4, *The mortally sick and* the healed Hezekiah); Bach (Orchestral Suite No 1 in C, BWV 1066); Schumann (Advent Hymn, Op 71); *Beethoven (Symphony* No 2 in D); Krenek (Jonny Spielt Auf)
12.00 Verdi Voices: Roderick Swanston discusses some Verdian themes. *The Nature of Destruction (r)*
1.00 News
1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert, live from St. John's, Smith Square, London. *The Beaux Arts Trio perform* Haydn (Piano Trio in A, H XV 18); Dvořák (Piano Trio in E minor, Op 90, Dumky)
2.00 The BBC Orchestras: BBC *National Orchestra of Wales under Grant Llewellyn with* Peter Donohoe, piano, performs Sibelius (Finlandia); Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 2 in C minor); Beethoven (Symphony No 3 in E flat, Eroica)
3.45 John Jenkins: Locke Consort perform music by the 17th-century composer
4.30 Swing That Music: Doc Cheatham concludes his conversation with Alyn Shipton
5.00 In Tune: *Andrew Green with* Reznicek (Overture: Donna Diana); Schubert (Der Hirt auf dem Felsen); Schumann (Fantasy in C, Op 17)
7.30 Great Orchestras of the World, *live from the Barbican in London.* St Petersburg Philharmonic Orchestra under Yuri Temirkanov with Dmitri Alexeev, piano, performs Rachmaninov (Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini; Symphony No 2 in E minor). In the interval *at 8.00 Andrew Green looks at* Rachmaninov's recordings made after the first world war
9.30 A Taste for Excellence. The History of the Royal *Philharmonic Society:* Symphonies on Subscription presented by Andrew Green (1 of 4)
9.50 Monteverdi's Musicians: Vespers, psalms and motets by Giovanni Legrenzi
10.45 Mixing It with Robert Sandall and Mark Russell
11.30 Music Restored: Music from Purcell's Time, Parley of Instruments under Peter Holman, organ, with Rachel Wheatley, soprano, and Andrew Dale Forbes, bass, perform Blow (Go Perjur'd Man); Locke (Suite in G major and minor); Courteville (Creep *Softly, Purling Streams*); Blow (Ground in G minor: While on Septimnius's Panting Breast); Purcell (O! What a Scene does Entertain my Sight); Blow *(Sonata in A); Draghi (Where* are Thou, God of Dreams?); Locke (Then from a Whirlwind Oracle); Purcell (See Where She Sits Weeping)
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25am Night School (Except in Scotland. As broadcast this am on R5)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** *Prayer for the Day* **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News; **6.45** Business News; **6.55, 7.55** Weather; **7.25, 8.25** Sports News; **7.45** *Thought for the Day* **8.35** The Week on 4 **8.43** William Trevor Short Story **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Start the Week, with Melvyn Bragg and guests including interviewer Cynthia Rose, writer Michael Dobbs, journalist Peter Taylor, Kjell Espmark (*on the committee for* the Nobel Prize for Literature) and linguistics professor Jean Aitchison
10.00-10.30 *(FM only)* **The Mating Game:** Lionel Kelleway returns with the game in which contestants have to face life's problems
10.00 News; Daily Service *(LW* only) from St James Church, Didsbury
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Isaiah *read by David Neal (14/16) (r)*
10.30 Woman's Hour, introduced by Jenni Murray. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Money Box Live, with Vincent Duggleby. *Telephone 071-580* 4444 from 10.00am
12.00 News; You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm *Aumonier's World: A* Source of Irritation. The second of a four-part series *based on the work of Stacy* Aumonier. A Suffolk farm hand is taken from his turnips to the trenches of the first world war. With John Baddeley and Oona Beeson **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; The Night of Wenceslas, by Lionel Davidson. Thriller in which a young man becomes unwittingly involved in a dangerous spying mission in Prague. With Rupert Graves and John Horsley (r)
3.30 Conversation Piece: Sue MacGregor goes to Elmstead Market near Colchester to talk to Beth Chatto about her life and garden
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: *Natalie Wheen watches the television noir series Wild Palms*; and talks to the opera directors Ian Ritchie and Nicholas Payne
4.45 Short Story: An Adventure in Bed, by Stacy Aumonier. Read by John Baddeley (r)
5.00 PM, with Chris Lowe and *Linda Lewis* **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme *(r)*
7.45 The Monday Play: Of Rats and Men. See Choice
9.00 Dot, Dot, Dash: In the first of *three programmes, Joanna Buchan pursues the development of morse code (r)*
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight with Roger White **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with *Robin Lustig*
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: *To the* Lighthouse, by Virginia Woolf. Eileen Atkins reads the sixth of ten episodes
11.00 You Heard It Here First: An *Actor's Life for Me*, by Paul *Mayhew-Archer. Starring John Gordon-Sinclair and Caroline* Quentin (r)
11.30 Ninety-Something
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

RADIO CHOICE

Making America: Trails West. *World Service, 10.00am.*

The State of the States is Bush House's two-and-a-half month season of which *Making America* is a distinguished component. The US way of life, past and present, is being reflected in what, for the World Service, must be an unprecedented mix of drama, documentary, music, and feature. *Trails West* is the fourth of Christopher Cook's reports on crucial episodes in American history. It describes how he and some modern Americans literally followed in the wagon-wheel tracks of the pioneers who blazed the Oregon trail 150 years ago. It is nothing like the Hollywood version.

Of Rats and Men. *Radio 4, 7.45pm.*

If not black, then Richard Bean's comedy is a dark shade of grey. It explores nightmare territory while wearing a Bob Hope grin. An experimental psychology expert (Garrick Hagon) gets his assistant (Anton Lesser) to help him recreate Nazi horror camp torture in his laboratory. *The aim: to identify the perpetrator's breaking point — if any — in the infliction of pain.* The play is a lawbreaker's manual, as compiled by a megalomaniac. **Peter Davalle**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ *Kat Show (50867776)* **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-long (4482912) **9.10** Cartoons (9993844) **9.30** The Pyramid Game *(14318)* **10.00** Card Sharks (3405134) **10.25** Concentration *(8738844)* **10.50** *Dynamo* Duck (8531931) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (90399) **12.00** Urban Peasant (76660) **12.30pm** Paradise Beach (18134) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (13689) **2.00** *Wheels (74863)* **3.00** Another World (8724863) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (8626134) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next *Generation (4738)* **6.00** *Games World (4080)* **6.30** Paradise Beach (8660) **7.00** Rescue (5467) **7.30** Growing Pains (4844) **8.00** Sands of Time (50134) **10.00** Star Trek: The *Next Generation (39641)* **11.00** The Untouchables (44432) **12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (64806) **1.00am** Night Court (37245) **1.30-2.00** Maniac Mansion (67974)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise Europe (41196) **9.30** Roving Report (90592) **10.30** The Book Show (65318) **11.30** Japan Business Today (78660) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (69134) **1.30** Morning News (60863) **2.30** *The Book Show (87757)* **3.30** *Nightline (87028)* **4.30** News and Business Report (1757) **5.00** Live At Five (109844) **7.30** The Unholy Divide (2486) **9.30** Talkback (62738) **11.30** Evening News (78950) **12.30am** World News Tonight (11239) **1.30** The Unholy Divide (86784) **2.30** Travel Destinations (77722) **3.30** Talkback (88887) **4.30** *The Unholy Divide (17784)* **5.30-6.00** Evening News (84429)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (6138080)
10.00 Journey to Spirit Island (1991): A small girl fights off developers (85084467)
11.35 Chapter Two (1979): James Caan finds comfort in the arms of Marsha Mason (32308028)
1.45pm Queimada! (1969): Marlon Brando causes a revolt in the Caribbean (30077486)
3.35 Lord Jim (1964): Maritime soul-searching with Peter O'Toole, James Mason (40689115)
5.05 **Journey to Spirit Island** (see 10.00am) (78618863)
7.40 UK Top Ten (142318)
8.00 Only the Lonely (1991): John Candy *attempts to leave home* (45202)
10.00 Delta Force 3: The Killing Game (1991): A crack team of commandos try to *abduct an Arab leader* (504399)
11.40 Armed Response (1986): Lee Van Cleef and David Carradine search for a jade icon (338757)
1.10am The Best of Martial Arts (1989). Compilation of fight scenes (3860622)
2.35 Mirage (1991): Teenagers on holiday in the desert find themselves picked off one by one by a mysterious jeep driver (4816239)
4.05 Enemy Territory (1987): Crippled Vietnam vet Jan-Michael Vincent helps out a timid insurance agent (5791626). Ends at **5.30**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Adam's Rib (1949, b/w): Spencer *Tracy and Katharine Hepburn play married lawyers* (24757)
8.00 The Illustrated Man (1969): Three stories based on a man's tattoos (29202)
10.00 Nuts (1987): Barbara Streisand as a prostitute trying to prove her sanity in a tense courtroom drama (898757). Ends at **11.55**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am **Salome** (1953, b/w): Rita Hayworth dances for the head of John the Baptist (22757)
8.00 The Gnomes' Great Adventure Animated children's fantasy (63757)
10.00 The Man in the Net (1959, b/w): Palmer Alan Ladd seeks refuge with a group of young children (10592)
12.00 Goodbye Again (1961): Ingrid Bergman rather surprisingly falls for Anthony *Perkins in this stagey melodrama* (46080)
2.00pm The Joker Is Wild (1957, b/w): Frank Sinatra stars as legendary nightclub performer Joe E. Lewis (16473370)
4.15 **The Gnomes' Great Adventure** (see 8.00am) (70855028)
5.50 Quicksand: No Escape (1991): A detective blackmails an architect (66446841)
7.30 Xposure (7554)
8.00 Last Flight Out (1990): An airline official and a pilot decide who will be given seats to fly out of Saigon (43844)
10.00 Double Impact (1991): Revenge movie with Jean-Claude Van Damme *(612757)*
11.55 Servants of Twilight (1992): Religious fanatics attempt to kill a six-year-old boy (829979)

1.35am Fires Within (1991): Greta Scacchi hopes to start a new life until her husband *(Jimmy Smits) arrives* (633158)
3.15 Heat Wave (1990). *Drama about the* 1965 LA riots (692177). Ends at **4.45**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Prime Bodies (20554) **7.30** *American Sports (30573)* **8.30** World Sports (46028) **9.00** Prime Bodies (20080) **9.30** Music Video Sport (64912) **10.00** US PGA Golf (84776) **12.00** FA Cup (86080) **2.00pm** World Cup Of Golf (93883) *4.00 Motorsport* (47196) **5.00** Windsurfing (2399) **5.30** Trucks 'n Tractor Power (4009) **6.00** Soccer News *(300950)* **6.15** *WWF (507912)* **7.00** FA Cup (80516318) **10.15** Soccer News (233115) **10.30** Football Quiz (50221) **11.00** Ringside (39202) **12.00-2.00am** FA Cup (66608)

EUROSPORT

7.30am *Step Aerobics (34757)* **8.00** World Cup Golf (90825) **10.00** European Sprint Championships Swimming (23841) **11.00** New York Marathon (43405) **12.00** Motorsport (72931) *1.00pm European Community Championship Trophy Tennis* (259573) **4.00** Eurofun (2641) **4.30** Triathlon *World Cup (70405)* **5.30** Supercross Meeting (49009) **6.30** News (3370) **7.00** *Car Racing* (35486) **9.00** Boxing (89660) **10.00** Eurogoals (99047) **11.00** Japanese Tour Golf (24370) **12.00-12.30am** News (21974)

UK GOLD

7.00am GP (4145283) **7.30** Neighbours (4164318) **8.00** Sons and Daughters *(7315660)* **8.30** *EastEnders (7314931)* **9.00** The Bill (7305283) **9.30** Nanny (2323115) **10.30** Rockcliffe's Babies (5752467) **11.30** *Rhoda (9114486)* **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7325047) **12.30pm** Neighbours (1596844) **1.00** EastEnders (4144554) **1.30** The Bill (1595115) **2.00** Never Mind the *Quality, Feel the Width* (8279283) **2.30** Shelley (4221660) **3.00** Dallas (9118202) **4.00** Dynasty (9104009) **5.00** Blankety Blank (8233863) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (8126215) **6.00** Neighbours (9378739) *6.30 EastEnders* (1376919) **7.00** Nanny (9858738) **8.00** Never Mind the Quality, Feel the Width (8299047) **8.30** Shelley (8278554) **9.00** Rockcliffe's Babies (9870950) **10.00** The Bill (7326776) **10.30** The Young Ones (7302196) **11.00** Top of the Pops (2302365) **11.45** Dr Who (5972863) **12.15am** *FILM: Colorado* Territory (1949, b/w): Joel McCrea is persuaded to do one more job (4993177) *1.45 Video Bites* (91756326) **1.55-3.00** Shopping At Night (75743852)

CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am RatKan II (774467) **9.00** Jack in the *Box (71399)* **11.00** Stories Without Words (96486) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (97115) **12.00** Fame (30757) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box: including Rosie and Jim: The Wombles (75115) **3.00** *The Care Bears (1419844)* **3.25** RatKan II (3584573) **3.30** Ovide and the Gang (3776) **4.00** Sandokhan (2283) **4.30-***5.00 The Snow Spider* (8457)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Dawn Patrol (28196) **7.30** Guts (30931) **8.00** Get The Picture (45399) **8.30** Wild Side Show (37370) **9.00** Rabbit Ears: *We All Have Tales (51950)* **9.30** *Fraggle* Rock (62554) **10.00** Janosch's Dream Hour (62806) **10.30** The World of David the Gnome (57134) **11.00** Sharon, Lois and Bram's Elephant Show (54486) **11.30** Eureeka's Castle (35270) **12.30pm** Rabbit Ears: We All Have Tales (68370) **1.00** The *World of David the Gnome* (27467) **1.30** Wisdom of the Gnomes (65641) **2.00** Janosch's Dream Hour (9689) **2.30** Junior Story Time (4863) **3.00** Kablooey (8196) **3.30** Out of Control (6080) **4.00** Fraggle Rock (5115) **4.30** Hey Dude (1399) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (3641) **5.30** Get the Picture (5979) **6.00** Guts (5592) **6.30-7.00** Welcome Freshmen (6844)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Earthfile (8021842) **4.30** Monkeys *To Apes (2821806)* **5.00** For Real (8291405) **5.30** Anything Is Possible (8926298) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (5728844) **6.30** Only in Hollywood (6270047) **7.00** The Extremists (8271641) **7.30** Valhalla (1271365) **8.00** *Spirits of The Rainforest (9669844)* **10.00** Crocodile Man (9689979) **11.00-12.00** Birds in Australia (1597955) **11.50** World Sports (4906405)

BRAVO

12.00 Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman *(7310115)* **12.30pm** FILM: The Letter (1940, b/w): Bette Davis fights a murder rap (24634641) **2.10** FILM: The Enchanted Cottage (1945, b/w) *Romance* (9266860) **3.45** Art Linkletter (6197844) **4.30** My Three Sons (2526252) **5.00** The Beverly Hillbillies (8288931) **5.30** *The Donny And Marie Show* (4526432) **6.00** I Spy (1599931) **7.00** Cannon (9676134) **8.00** FILM: The Letter (see 12.30pm) (27965399) **9.45** FILM: King Solomon's Mines (1950, b/w): African adventure (8928028) **11.30-12.00** The Twilight Zone (6003912)

UK LIVING

7.00am Jayne and Friends (1057689) **8.00** Fame, Fortune and Romance (2315825) **8.30** Living Daylights (2314196) **9.00** Divorce Court (2338776) **9.30** Hot Topics (4561863) **10.00** Health UK (2021554) **10.30** Living Extra (2327660) **11.00** *On the House* (8566912) **11.30** Delia Smith's Cookery Course 2 (8567641) **12.00** Practical Living (41291931) **12.15pm** Kilroy (6244516) **1.00** Crosswits (2429592) **1.30** Infatuation (4564950) **2.00** Days of our Lives (2022283) **3.00** Agony Hour (8578757) **4.00** Crosswits (5935115) **4.30** *Infatuation* (5931399) **5.00** Highlights of Jayne and Friends (9502028) **6.00** Dr Ruth (5945592) **6.30** Masterchef (5936844) **7.00** Agony Hour (2488931) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (2404979) **9.00** Film: Almost You (1984): Extra-marital hanky-panky (14213680) **10.50** Fame and Fortune (6373641) **11.00** Divorce Court (8561221) **11.30** Dr Ruth (2027738) **12.00-1.00am** Days of our Lives (1931697)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Danger Bay (3283) **5.30** The Wonder Years (2047) **6.00** *Big Brother Jake* (2660) **6.30** Catchphrase (3912) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (3047) **7.30** All Clued Up (9196) **8.00** Remington Steele (21660) **9.00** *Neon Rider* (18196) **10.00** WKRP in Cincinnati (96405) **10.30** Bob Newhart Show (74825) **11.00** Newhart (88467) **11.30** Mary Tyler Moore Show (83134) **12.00-1.00am** Lou Grant (35332)

MTV

6.00am Awake on the Wild Side (776825) **9.00** VJ Marijne (404196) **12.00** Greatest Hits (30775) **1.00pm** On Tour (651757) **3.30** Report (1877592) **3.45** At The Movies (1872047) **4.00** News (1307486) **4.15** 3 From 1 (1397009) **4.30** The Grind (7775) **5.00** Hit List UK (87399) **7.00** REM Unplugged (14370) **8.00** Music Non-Stop (30318) **9.00** *Greatest Hits (10554)* **10.00** Report (311592) **10.15** At the Movies (316047) **10.30** News (191573) **10.45** 3 From 1 (196028) **11.00** Rock Block (35283) **1.00am** VJ Marijne (25055) **2.00-6.00** Night Videos (4249968)

TV ASIA

6.00am Asian Morning (59641) **6.30** Punjabi News (7151680) **6.45** Gujarati News (5018009) **7.00** Bengali News (98196) **7.30** Hindi News (29671) **8.00** Urdu News (81115) **8.30** English News (95738) **9.30** Hisaar (78318) **10.30** Lifestyle (36844) **11.30** Telly Talk (84641) **12.00** Hindi, Urdu And English News (84202) **12.30pm** Mustafan (19486) **1.00** FILM: Sha Ho To Aisa (316467) **4.00** *Kiddie Time* (57432) **5.00-6.00** Dedicated To You (9844) **7.00** Showtime (3405) **8.00** English News (173573) **8.15** Face To Face (668283) **9.00-12.00** Mere Bhaiya (886009) **12.05am** *Five Past Midnight* (6371516) **1.00** FILM: Pasras (9922893) **4.00** Ajanabee (52871) **5.00** Sauda (19326) **5.30-6.00** Music (35177)

TNT

7.30pm The Super Cops (1974): Two suspended New York cops wage war on crime (91757776)
9.45 Sol Madrid (1968): An undercover agent is assigned to track down a Mafia don (56783389)
10.30 Hot Summer Night (1957, b/w): A reporter attempts to interview bank robbers (14039554)
12.10 Key Witness (1960): A couple are terrorised after witnessing a stabbing (69076500)
1.45 Dangerous Partners (1945, b/w): An unconscious victim of a plane crash is found clutching details of a lost fortune (89451013)
3.15 Two Smart People (1946, b/w): Lucille Ball and Lloyd Nolan enjoy a swindler's last days of freedom (35288326). Ends at **4.50**

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BUSINESS EDITOR ROBERT BALLANTYNE

Chancellor prepares government accounting revolution

BY GRAHAM SEARJEANT

KENNETH Clarke, the Chancellor, is expected to announce radical changes in his Budget to the way the central government's spending is accounted for.

If followed to their logical conclusion, the reforms will eventually transform debate over the balance between investment and other public spending. They will make it easier to judge how efficiently resources are used for administration and for different spending programmes and could pave the way for many surplus buildings and other assets being sold. At the heart of the reform is a technical accounting change. Instead of reporting solely in terms of cash receipts and payments, government departments will be expected to use the accruals method of accounting conventionally used in business. This distinguishes between capital and current spending, books income and spending when they are transacted rather than when cash changes hands; it recognises work in progress and non-cash items such as depreciating buildings and equipment.

Liabilities, including future civil service pensions, should also have to be accounted for. If followed through fully, the new system would also imply government departments drawing up something akin to corporate balance sheets, showing what the government owns, what assets are tied up in providing services and contingent liabilities arising from government guarantees or promises. In the extreme, even items like the road network could be valued as state assets.

The accounting reforms, a key element in the government's financial management initiative (FMI) to improve value for money through "resource accounting", stem from steps already made to make some civil service activities operate on a self-standing semi-commercial basis and from the programme of market testing. Next Steps agencies and their like already cover more than half the civil service, including anything from vehicle licensing to benefits. These agencies already use, or are committed to move to, accruals accounting, as do local authorities and the National Health Service. Introducing the system across all programmes is essential to the policy of testing all functions against possible market alternatives and contracting more services to the private sector.

Converting government cash accounting will take several years. It will be the main task of Professor Andrew Likierman, who has long argued for greater transparency in public sector accounts and becomes head of the government accounting service (Hotgas) on December 1, the morning after the Budget.

In an interview with the journal *Public Finance*, Sir Alan Hardcastle, who retired from the post of Hotgas six weeks ago, said that requiring all departments to produce accruals-based accounts, including capital asset accounting would need "an enormous amount of work over the next three years". He argued that introducing departmental resource accounting and budgeting "would represent the last link in the FMI chain". The reform has now been approved and Mr Clarke is due to give a formal go-ahead in his Budget, followed by a paper detailing plans in the new year.

Clive Purbrook, of Ernst & Young, the accountant, said that similar reforms in Australia were changing the way departments behaved and were likely to do so here. They would, for instance reduce the habit of saving cash and using it up at the end of the year on anything from buying computers to painting offices. The change will also bring demands for capital spending to be voted separately and not lumped in with current spending in the Budget itself.

CBI warns of threat to weak recovery

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

■ Capital spending remains a weak point in the economy and the CBI is making last-minute pleas to the Chancellor to extend temporary government tax incentives

BUSINESS leaders yesterday called on the Chancellor to introduce measures in the Budget to improve industrial investment, in spite of signals from the Treasury that the government will refuse to make such a move.

In advance of a key speech today by Kenneth Clarke to the annual conference of the Confederation of British Industry in Harrogate, CBI leaders urged him to override indications that the government will not renew tax allowances on capital investment in the Budget.

Though CBI leaders tried to play down any debate with the government over Europe, the call to the Chancellor to change his mind over tax breaks for investment is further indication of the differences between government and industry.

Business leaders are alarmed at the private signs from ministers that further capital allowances will not figure in the Budget. They believe the fragile state of the recovery could falter if the government fails to make new tax provision to boost investment.

Capital expenditure was still "worryingly low" in spite of the allowances granted in the Autumn Statement this time last year, the CBI said yesterday as delegates gathered for the opening of their conference today. Investment remained flat, against a target increase of 7 per cent a year.

Howard Davies, director-general of the CBI, said that the conference would be looking for the Chancellor to indicate that he shared industry's understanding of the need for a Budget to increase investment and to help the recovery by introducing no new tax increases.

Industry sought a "clear commitment" in the Budget to policies that would keep inflation on track, cut the public sector borrowing requirement over three years and control public spending without increasing taxes. "That is the key task for the Chancellor," said Mr Davies. There were indications that Mr Clarke had accepted industry's analysis of the measures the economy needed, he added.

Calling on the Chancellor to set out in the Budget a "medium-term strategy" on the economy, he said that after influencing last year's Autumn Statement and the public sector pay policy, the confederation was hoping for a "three-card trick" from the Budget this month.

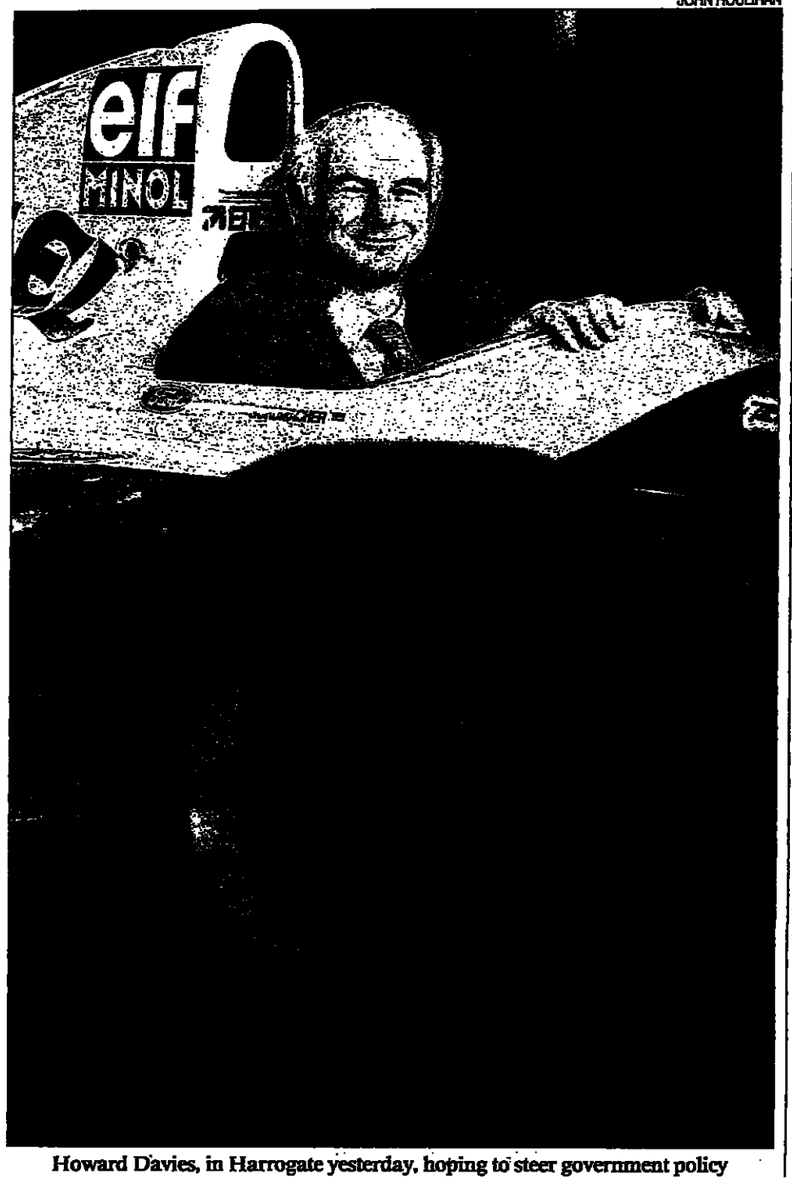
CBI leaders accepted that the principal factors holding back any recovery were largely matters outside the Chancellor's control, and related to recession in Europe.

In a new CBI survey, 55 per cent of managers believe that the EC single market has not yet brought about any worthwhile cost reductions. Though CBI leaders have consistently complained about non-enforcement of European legislation in other member states, the survey showed that only 32 per cent of companies regarded this as a big problem.

The confederation also welcomed leaked government proposals for the deregulation of health and safety rules.

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JOHN HOULIHAN



Howard Davies, in Harrogate yesterday, hoping to steer government policy

Ferranti 'worth nothing in receivership'

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

THE war of words between Ferranti, the troubled defence electronics group, and its rebel shareholders, who are threatening to reject GEC's 1p-a-share bid, escalated yesterday after publication of GEC's formal offer document.

The document, which was sent to Ferranti's 48,000 shareholders over the weekend, paints the bleakest picture yet of the company's financial crisis, and includes a letter from Eugene Anderson, Ferranti's chairman, urging shareholders to accept the bid or face receivership.

A Ferranti spokesman yesterday told shareholders to treat "with caution" the advice of John Katz, chairman and spokesman of the newly-created Ferranti Shareholders Support Association. "Whatever Mr Katz might say, there is no more to be squeezed out of the GEC offer and there is no alternative to it."

Mr Katz immediately hit back, accusing Ferranti directors of trying to "steamroller" the offer through and claiming that shareholders "may find better protection in administration than they see at present". He added that while shareholders are "being mugged", they will not "just lie down and think of England".

The dispute places a question mark over Ferranti's future as GEC has repeatedly said that it will proceed with the takeover only if it gains acceptances for 90 per cent of the shares. The point was made again firmly in the offer document, quashing any lingering hopes that the condition might be waived.

In his letter, Mr Anderson claims receivership is unlikely to yield any value to shareholders. He states that the company's banks will withdraw their support and demand the repayment of new working capital facilities if the offer fails.

He also confirms that the company's financial position continues to deteriorate and that its interim results, due to be announced on Thursday, will show a worsening of last year's £10.9 million loss.

Mr Katz criticised Mr Anderson for "talking the company down" and said he had failed to recognise the value of Ferranti's intangible assets, including its £150 million tax loss, £172 million order book and £100 million overfunding in the pension scheme.

He also reacted angrily to the company's claim that GEC's offer represented "the best prospect of saving Ferranti technology and jobs", saying "if Ferranti goes to the wall and jobs are lost, it will be noted that it was not the shareholders who pulled the plug but the banks, who are the most massive beneficiaries of the proposed restructuring".

The offer promises shareholders £10 million while the banks will get at least £100 million.

British industry 'failing' on two key targets

BRITISH industry has hit only one of three targets necessary to close the performance gap with international rivals, (Ross Tieman writes).

Investment and export performance remain woefully inadequate, the Confederation of British Industry said. Only in the field of productivity have companies achieved the improvements deemed essential by the CBI's national manufacturing council.

Sir Michael Angus, president of the CBI, said falling investment was "extremely worrying". In the second quarter, companies had invested 2 per cent less than a year ago.

The failure to secure rising investment, deemed by the CBI to be crucial in lifting UK industrial performance and closing the balance of payments gap, provides additional ammunition for the CBI campaign to win more investment allowances for firms.

Pressure for the opportunity to offset more capital spending against tax has been the centrepiece of the CBI submission to the Chancellor before the Budget in two weeks. "I continue to believe investment allowances do stimulate more investment," said Sir Michael.

The slide in investment spending comes despite a temporary rise in allowances provided by Norman Lamont, the former Chancellor. Mark Radcliffe, leader of the NMC, said the CBI's productivity and investment targets had been achieved in only two years since 1978.

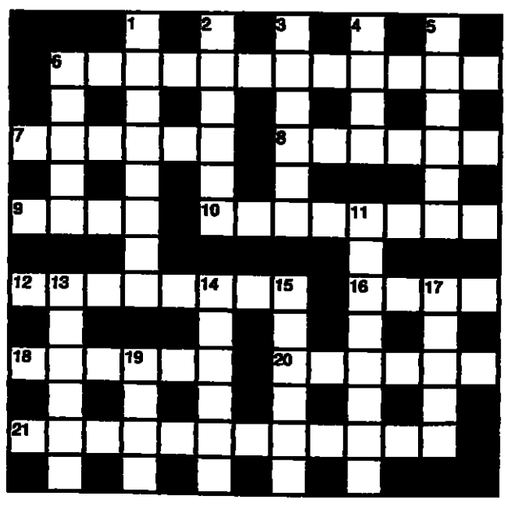
Last year, says the NMC's second annual report, productivity rose 7.5 per cent, against an annual 5 per cent target. But investment remained flat, against a target growth of 7 per cent a year. Exports rose 2 per cent, but imports rose even more quickly, leading to a £7 billion 1993 first-half UK trade deficit.

Mr Radcliffe said the productivity gains and export performance were creditable, especially against a background of depressed export markets in Europe. But "capital expenditure remains worryingly low, which is why we have recommended a Budget for investment". To promote the spread of "world class" performance, meantime, the CBI yesterday announced the launch of a "Competitiveness Forum" backed by a cross-section of business interests.

Mr Radcliffe said the task was to close the gap, estimated by the CBI at 20-40 per cent, between the competitiveness of typical UK companies and their best rivals overseas.

The Forum is backed by NatWest Bank, National Grid, East Midlands Electricity, Midlands Electricity, BOC, IBM, ICI, Coopers & Lybrand and Short Brothers, plus a panel of eight management consultancy groups.

☐ The proportion of manufacturing firms announcing redundancies fell 2 per cent to 21 per cent in the third quarter, said the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union. The slight easing of the rate of job shedding coincided with a slight upward trend in pay settlements, it added. The figures, which also show a fall in the number of pay freezes, appear to confirm signs of a very slow economic recovery.



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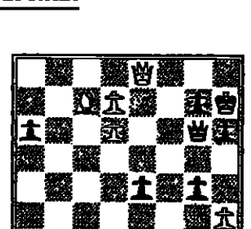
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By Philip Howard

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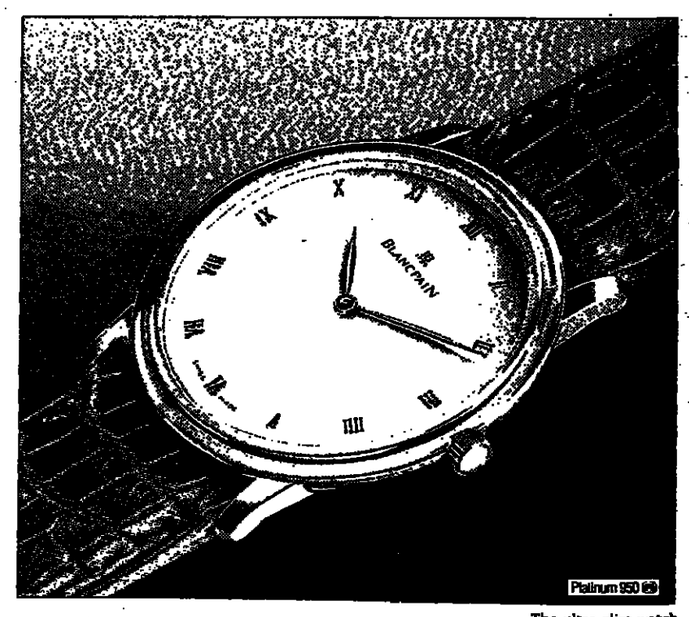
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a. Telling lies
b. Brazenly audacious
c. Having pointed teeth

FANNY ADAMS
a. Non-existent
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Airlines have weathered the recession, but a tough Budget could lead to job losses and a hefty rise in fares, **Harvey Elliott** reports

VAT threat sets off alarm bells

Fifteen days from now, Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, will open the red despatch box to unveil his Budget. Leaders of the aviation industry in Britain, and almost everyone involved in the travel business, will be waiting anxiously to hear whether he has decided to impose VAT on air travel. They believe that if he does, it could destroy the fragile growth in business travel which has been struggling to establish itself in the past few months.

British Midland says that it could lose up to 364,000 passengers and £24 million in revenue if a full 17.5 per cent levy were imposed. It claims that staff would have to be axed and air fares would have to rise by at least 20 per cent.

Sir Michael Bishop, British Midland's chairman, says: "The airline industry will not survive in its present form against this kind of setback."

Although the threat of VAT is a big worry for domestic airlines, those providing overseas travel are faced with another problem — and one which has a silver lining, at least for the business traveller.

In the late 1980s, millions of business executives were happy to pay three, four or even ten times the fares of the leisure travellers sitting in the rear of a plane. And they insisted on hiring the most expensive car on their arrival and demanded the most luxurious hotel accommodation.

Then came the recession. Suddenly accountants began asking whether business travel costs could be reduced. Executives were ordered to forgo their first or business-class seats for economy class travel. According to a recent MORI poll, for Wagonlit Travel, of more than 400 leading companies, 49 per cent said they had downgraded the class of travel and hotel of their executives and 64 per cent had imposed strict travel policies.

> 'The industry will not survive this setback in its present form'

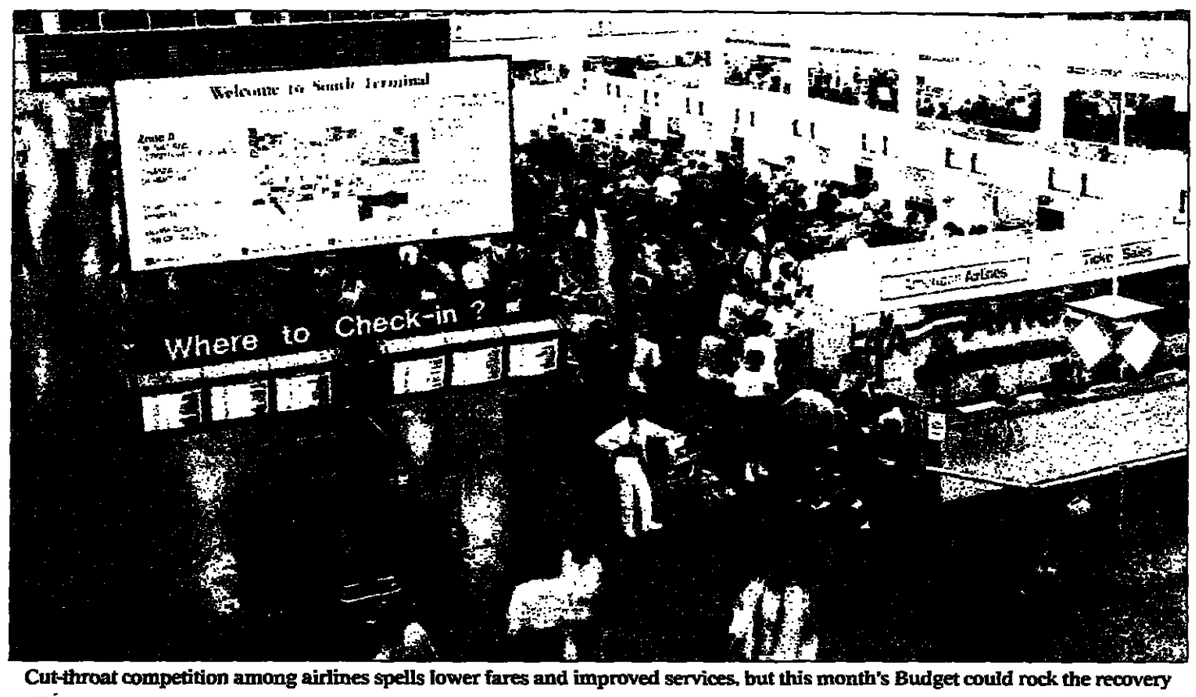
This downgrading was a severe problem for the airlines, but it presented a never-to-be-repeated opportunity for the travel agencies — among them Thomas Cook, American Express, Hogg Robinson and Wagonlit Travel — which used their size and expertise to tell clients how to cut costs still further. By buying in "bulk", the companies could obtain hotel rooms at a fraction of the "rack" rate, as well as airline tickets, often business class, below the quoted fare.

The airlines had to accept the offers being made by the big companies to retain their custom, even though this reduced overall yield and forced many into the red.

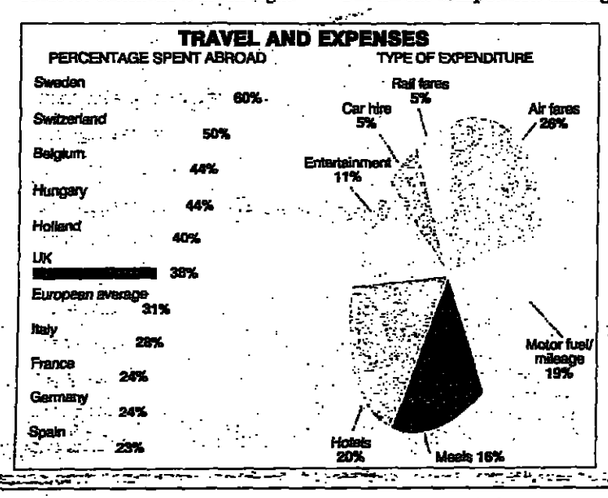
Only by reducing staff, imposing draconian cuts on capital and other expenditure and demanding ever lower prices from their own suppliers were a handful of airlines, such as British Airways, able to maintain a profit.

As the Continent slipped into recession, too, the problems of the nationalised flag carriers became acute. Air France tried to stem its spiralling losses by making redundancies — only to come up against a strike which led to the government abandoning its rationalisation policy.

But others are making changes, some verging on the revolutionary. Continental, KLM and Sabena have disposed of first-class seating altogether and replaced the front cabin with an improved business class. Few European carriers have first class, although some have improved business class to try to persuade corporate clients to spend more. BA alone appears to be gambling that it can buck the trend and has spent £100 million upgrading its first and business-class service to improve appeal. The battle for customers is in full flight.



Cut-throat competition among airlines spells lower fares and improved services, but this month's Budget could rock the recovery



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Richard Branson is offering in-flight gambling to woo customers, says **David Churchill**



Richard Branson's on-screen gambling service is the latest in the list of extras offered by airlines to win more customers

Virgin banks on casino in the sky

Richard Branson is taking a gamble with Virgin's London to Hong Kong service which starts next February and is offering punters a change to win money as they fly. The airline has installed a $19 million (£13 million) interactive video system on board which will allow high-rolling passengers to play such games as poker, blackjack and roulette on television screens fitted in the seat backs at the swipe of a credit card.

This latest innovation by Mr Branson is expected to have betting limits to ensure that no passenger loses more than he or she can afford. And the interactive system will also be used for non-gamblers as a home shopping channel. Passengers can order goods seen on the screen and either pick them up on board or when they arrive.

It may sound gimmicky, but Virgin's latest in-flight service — albeit only on the lucrative Hong Kong route — is just the latest attempt by airlines to differentiate themselves from each other in a highly competitive market.

Even though there are clear signs of a recovery in the air travel business, airlines are still faced with a reluctance by executives flying on business to pay the significantly higher prices for business class seats instead of the economy class accommodation at the back of the aircraft.

The *ABC World Airways Guide*, which monitors air travel, says business class bookings this year account for only 50 per cent of reservations, compared with 58 per cent last year. Some 40 per cent of executives are now being booked into economy class, an increase of 9 per cent on last year's figures.

"Our findings show that despite talk of an economic recovery, the majority of companies are maintaining a tight control in this area and making it increasingly difficult for airlines to attract the highly lucrative first and business-class passenger," Ron Speirs, the guide's publishing director, says.

Heavily touted price wars on the transatlantic routes, for example, are almost all concerned with economy seats sold as "loss leaders" by the airlines. Business class fares, in contrast, have increased slightly over the past year.

Many business travellers are forced to pay these fares because of the flexibility they provide; airlines are well aware that business travellers' schedules change constantly, so they demand that if executives want a flexible ticketing policy they have to pay for it.

In attempts to encourage business travellers to return to the premium fare cabins, airlines are using their frequent-flyer programmes as strategic weapons as well as tactics such as cheap fares for partners.

But while business class fares on long-haul routes show no sign of being cut back to stimulate demand — their yield is too important to the airlines for that — business class passengers in Europe have been getting some good deals recently.

At the beginning of this year, for example, business travellers between London and Paris would have had to pay more than £300 for a return business class ticket with either BA or Air France. But the decision by British Midland to introduce a business class cabin on its flights, but at economy level prices, led to both BA and Air France reducing fares to about £220.

British Midland has been the catalyst for lower fares on several of the European routes it operates and it has just launched another promotional attack with a season ticket offer for business travellers.

For just £799, it is offering five return tickets to Amsterdam, Brussels, Paris and Dublin in its business class cabin — producing savings, it claims, of up to 50 per cent on other airlines' fares. A similar season ticket offered for routes to Frankfurt, Nice and Palma costs £999 for five return flights.

European air travel is where attention is now being focused. The European Commission is under pressure to ban the practice of government subsidies to loss-making state airlines, which distorts competition. In any case, by 1997 carriers in EC countries will have the freedom under the EC's "Open Skies" policy to operate freely in each other's countries.

A more immediate development, however, is BA's expected revamp of Club Europe — the airline's European business class — early next year. Although BA is keeping its plans under wraps, the need to make 'Club Europe more competitive comes as a result of enhanced business class services from both Lufthansa and Swissair.

These two airlines were the last to drop first class cabins in Europe, part of a trend that is spreading to other airlines both short-haul and long-haul. Industry estimates suggest that as few as one in ten seats in first class are filled with full-fare paying passengers; the rest of those enjoying the legroom and superior service are usually upgraded executives from business class.

Already other European airlines, such as KLM and Sabena, have dropped first class cabins and BA, while committed to first class for its flights out of Heathrow and Gatwick, has dropped the premier cabin from its Birmingham to New York flights.

Continental Airlines, another of those which has dropped first class cabins, has replaced it with an upgraded business class providing better seating and improved service similar to Virgin's Upper Class. Both airlines charge business class prices for an almost first class service. Virgin, however, has scored some success with its Mid Class — larger seats and better food for full-fare paying economy class passengers. This is to compensate business travellers forced to fly economy but who are uncomfortable among the leisure travellers.

Although the other airlines are watching Virgin's experiment with interest, none has yet formally emulated it by offering their own mid-class cabins, mainly because many are upgrading full economy-fare paying business passengers into unfilled business class seats in the hope that they will be lured back.

Getting an upgrade from the airlines, however, is usually a lot more difficult and has become something of a game for regular business travellers forced to fly economy by their companies during the recession.

Most airlines refuse even to discuss upgrades, even though it is clear that there is a policy of upgrading travellers who they think might be commercially important to them. British Airways is said to give priority to upgrades to its Silver and Gold Executive Club members.

The best advice from travel agents, however, is to dress smartly and simply ask at the check-in if an upgrade is possible. If they like the look of you, and think you might buy a business class ticket in future, you may very well be lucky.

More smiles per mile with clubs

To keep customers, airlines offer free flights and hotel discounts

After a slow start, British business travellers are starting to show as much enthusiasm for frequent-flyer programmes as their counterparts across the Atlantic.

A year ago, British Airways had 325,000 Executive Club members in America and the UK. Now, it has more than 1.25 million, spread over five continents, although, says Ian Webster, Executive Club manager, most are in Britain.

Virgin Atlantic has 160,000 members for its scheme, and American Airlines and, for British flyers, British Midland come third and fourth in the frequent-flyer popularity stakes, according to a survey by Thomas Cook.

The culture of collecting flying points is becoming ingrained because of the huge multi-million pound efforts being put into the schemes by the airlines. They aim to identify the high-spending frequent flyers, sign them up as members and cosset them in upgrades, free flights and enough hotel discounts to last the rest of their working lives. Mr Webster says: "We now know who our best customers are. We just keep asking ourselves, how many can join."

Judging by American and United Airlines, quite a few more — they have 16 million and 12 million members respectively. "But," Mr Webster says, "I call the American programmes 'infrequent flyers'. Our is a quality database. We are not interested in simply building up Executive Club."

BA's Dream Ticket incentive could, however, be seen in precisely that way. Passengers buying full-price tickets until March 31 can win double the normal benefits of the programme. New customers have to join the club. Fearful rivals have responded with offers running through the same period. On its transatlantic network, American is offering double miles on most fare types, not just full fares and KLM awards double points on all routes.

By signing up members, BA and other airlines can dissuade the frequent flyer from using a rival. Not many travellers will dilute their rewards by belonging to two or more schemes. But airlines are acutely aware that there is a finite number of truly worthwhile members, hence the wealth of offers.

Virgin also scored a coup on November 1 by linking with American Express in Britain. Air France, Continental and SAS already work with AmEx in their home bases.

In all, Membership Miles can be used on 18 airlines or in 16 hotel chains. New card members earn Membership Miles, as do all purchases with the card. For every £1 spent, one Mile is earned. It will take £3,000 worth of purchases to earn a night in a Forte hotel.

But card users must enrol with AmEx and then belong to a frequent flyer scheme to cash in. BA is not part of the scheme, so who can customers call in Britain? The answer is Virgin. Richard Branson, Virgin's chairman, says: "In the US, this scheme is addictive. We knew we had to be on board." AmEx claims that 1.25 million card members have joined the scheme in America. It has a million card members in Britain and expects 50,000 to enrol by April. BA's approach is different. Its Executive Club members can also earn miles on Malaysian, Cathay Pacific and Singapore and the seven airlines in which it has a stake. In Virgin's scheme, points can also be redeemed on SAS, Air New Zealand and British Midland.

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While airlines compete fiercely to identify and motivate their key customers, employers are worried whether perks for the employee make financial sense for the company. For example, a middle manager 100 points short of a weekend for two in Prague, may be tempted to put personal considerations ahead of his company.

Mr Webster comments: "It is a small reward for executives living out of suitcases."

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David Churchill on how BAA changed the way it welcomed the airlines' premium passengers



Sir John Egan has masterminded the changes in business travel and retail facilities at Heathrow and Gatwick since his appointment as BAA chief executive

A tale of happier landings

Britain's airports have begun to put the business traveller first. After years when full fare-paying premium passengers were given short shrift by the airport authorities, to the annoyance of the airlines which had done much to win their business, Gatwick and Heathrow have finally embraced the travelling executive.

Business travellers have been allocated a special security and passport control scheme — Fast Track — given improved short- and long-stay parking facilities: and been provided with a plethora of business lounges, including the world's first dedicated lounge for arriving passengers. This offers them somewhere to shower and freshen up after night and long-haul flights.

It was the arrival in late 1990 of Sir John Egan as BAA chief executive that seems to have been the spur behind the latest improvements. Sir John, who masterminded the recovery of Jaguar cars in the 1980s, saw that Heathrow could lose out to other European "gateway" airports unless more attention was paid to business travellers.

Now, his chief concern is delays over the building of Terminal 5, which he sees as being vital to maintain Heathrow's dominance over rival Continental airports.

Heathrow and Gatwick, two of the seven airports owned and operated by BAA, increasingly appear to be shopping malls with an airport attached. BAA plans to double the amount of space allocated to retailing over the next few years but points out that this will still account for only 16 per cent of total space at the airport. BAA says that profits from its retail activities help keep airline charges down and hence fares, so everybody benefits.

This year, Heathrow has also opened several new business class lounges for leading airlines — the Pavilion lounges — which it sees as more of a hotel than a traditional airport lounge, on three storeys.

The hotel theme is emulated by American Airlines, with its lounge designed to represent an 19th century English manor house. Virgin's new lounge also has overtones of a country house hotel.

BA's new arrivals lounge has 23 shower rooms and a valet on hand to press crumpled clothes before the executive travels into London for his or her first meeting. A business centre, operated by Thomas Cook, has also just opened between Terminals 1 and 2 for executives who no longer qualify for a regular pass into one of the airline lounges because they have been downgraded to economy by their companies. The 10,000 sq ft lounge, more than three times the size of the lounge it replaces, has all the modern business facilities such as fax machines, photocopiers and even personal computers.

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While Heathrow has been getting all the attention, Gatwick has been struggling to convince business travellers of its *bona fides* as a business traveller's airport. Gatwick has suffered not only from some airlines switching their flights to Heathrow but also the perception that it is a charter airport with poor connections for the business traveller.

In fact, Gatwick reaches 120 destinations; more than 30 are served exclusively by Gatwick. It also offers scheduled flights to 20 destinations in the United States, more than from Heathrow or any other British airport.

Gatwick's development of Fast Track for business travellers not only speeds them past the queues but also gives priority treatment at the bureau de change and duty-free shops.

But if Gatwick has its problems, then so does Stansted in north Essex. It was unfortunate that the opening of the £400 million development of the airport coincided with the drop in business travel at the time of the Gulf war. Since then, it has had to fight its way back against the disappointment of losing American Airlines.

TWA would like to move in and offer a service to America but is being blocked by the negotiations over the bilateral agreement between the United Kingdom and United States which regulates air traffic over the Atlantic.

Manchester and Birmingham have also benefited from the increased number of international flights, although there is little evidence to suggest that business travellers using these airports see them as vital "hubs". The key issue coming up for many other regional airports, mainly owned by local authorities, is whether the government will press ahead with privatisation.

Out with pink frills, in with real service

Women are getting a better deal as hotels and airlines pay attention to their needs

While the lot of today's female globetrotter is immeasurably better than even five years ago, it is still by no means easy.

Women will make up 50 per cent of UK hotel business users by the end of the century, according to a pan-European survey just published by Expotel Hotel Reservations.

In its latest Business Travel and Expense Management report, American Express found that females already account for 44 per cent of travel and entertainment spending in the UK financial services sector, and 33 per cent in wholesale, retail and catering.

Leading hotel chains have invested in both staff training and facilities to help their female guests feel more at home. With research confirming that women welcome extra security and amenities such as skirt presses and irons but dislike being singled out for special treatment, most chains now discreetly improve matters for both sexes. Hence the rush to install better door locks, spyholes, and toiletries. Flower-sprigged wallpaper and feminine frills have been consigned to the bin.

Holiday Inns and Forte Crest promise women prompt attention in bars and restaurants, supplying newspapers and magazines to solo diners. Hyatt provides small tables for individual diners, plus full-length and make-up mirrors in most guestrooms.

Many of Hyatt's premium-rate rooms offer hair spray, cotton wool balls and hand cream in addition to the standard toiletries.

Executive floors have proved a lifesaver for many women travellers, offering them not simply more comfortable and secure accommodation — often with its own concierge — but a private lounge for informal meetings and drinks.

Ritz-Carlton offers Club floors reached by using a special lift key, while Hilton International's executive floors offer lounges and various in-room extras.

Forte Crest's Lady Crest rooms — popular with male guests, too, says the chain — are fitted with adjustable make-up mirrors, an iron and ironing board and desk with flip-up lid that doubles as a dressing table. New packs of toiletries are planned.

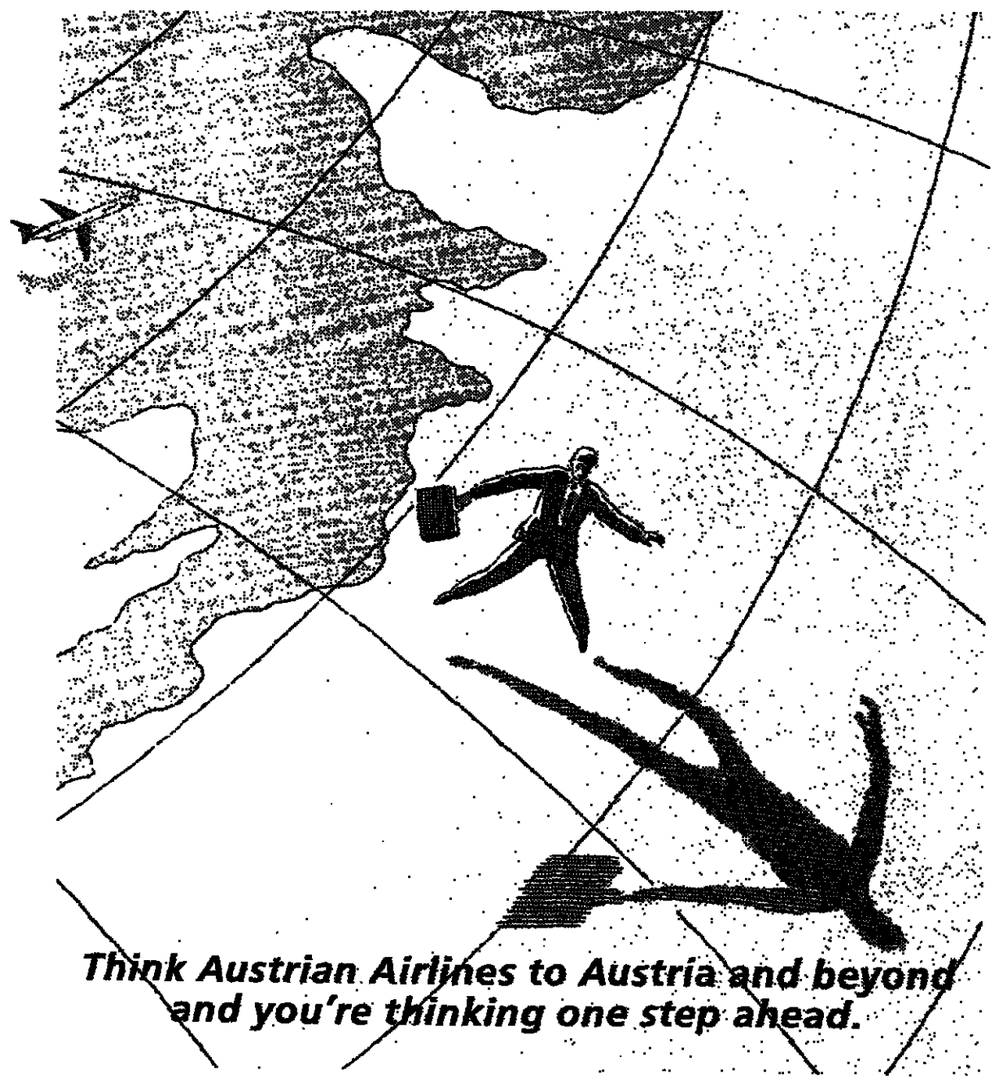
Airlines are also working to attract more female business travellers. British Airways and Virgin — which has a female pilot at the controls of one of its Boeing 747s — are among those offering longhaul passengers special comfort kits, while Air France publishes an in-flight magazine for women.

Virgin's Upper Class lounge at Heathrow features a beauty salon offering passengers grooming treatments before they take off. Now plans are in hand to add a hairdressing salon in the new year.

Northwest Airlines co-sponsored a competition with the London Businesswomen's Network to find the capital's top female business achiever, inviting entrants to specify service improvements they would welcome in the air and on the ground. "We will be looking into seating arrangements, amenity kits and in-flight reading matter," a spokeswoman says.

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Car hirers handing in their keys at some international airports can check in their baggage at the same time

Rent-a-car with its own chauffeur

After discounts and upgrades, car hirers can now be driven around

Car hire operators are finding the business travel market increasingly demanding and sophisticated. Rewarding customer loyalty has become a key factor in building market share, and so has forging links with airlines to boost the important airport business.

Avis, for example, has linked up with two British, nine continental and three north American airlines to participate in their frequent-flier programmes. It is the exclusive car rental partner for British Midland, KML and Sabena, and has also struck deals with Sheraton Club International and the Hyatt Hotel group. Discounts range up to half the cost of the normal car rental fee, or up to three days' free hire.

Sacha Cooper, marketing manager with Avis UK, says: "In today's competitive market, it is good business sense to reward customer loyalty. Customers can enjoy benefits from a wide range of loyalty programmes from all over the world, thus reaping more rewards every time they travel or rent a car. This also stimulates repeat purchases, leading to increased business for both partners."

However, it is not just Avis that has to try harder. Hertz has extended its #1 Club Gold service for frequent business travellers to 61 European airports in just 18 months. The service is now available at 260 airports worldwide.

The successful British Airways check-in counter at its Heathrow rental desk has been extended to full baggage facilities, so that car hirers handing in their keys can check in at the same time. Hertz hopes to extend this service to continental airports through partnerships with other national carriers.

Car hirers are always looking for a new service to provide an edge in the battle for the business traveller. Budget Rent a Car, for instance, has just opened at two locations in Moscow, including one at the international airport, in the hope of catching entrepreneurs pushing into the former communist bloc.

Robin Borton, regional director of operations, says: "A major service will be the introduction of chauffeur-driven vehicles. Research has revealed that this service is particularly popular with inbound business travellers.

More than 80 per cent of all car rentals in Russia are chauffeur driven."

Budget is already established in Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic. It intends to open in St Petersburg and Kiev in the next two years.

Europcar is also conscious that many business travellers prefer to have a chauffeur when they find themselves in a strange place. It provides this service in 22 important European cities. Europcar is also wooing the business traveller by adding a fleet of Mercedes cars to its hiring options.

One of the best ways of streamlining hire services and offering discounts to business travellers is to use plastic cards, and Europcar offers discounts of up to 30 per cent on its Company Barclaycard scheme. Avis has its Wizard Card, which stores details of the driver and previous rental periods, to speed bookings and confirmations.

As European barriers come down, business travel is increasingly a two-way process, with visitors from the Continent hiring vehicles in the UK. They are generally people in a hurry, booking in advance to collect the car at the airport with minimum delay.

However, reliability is probably the key factor. Paul Batchelor, general manager of British Car Rental, based at Coventry, says: "Although price is important, travellers usually stick with a hire company that they have used before and they know will give good service."

Despite the recession, European business executives coming to Britain often demand bigger and better cars to ease the strain of frequent travelling. British Car Rental, for example, has added two new models to its hire fleet — the luxury Rover 600 for those wanting a large, sophisticated car, and the popular Range Rover Vogue for those demanding four-wheel drive.

Mr Batchelor says: "The hire market in the UK is likely to be boosted as Europe becomes more closely knit and inter-Europe business travel takes off. Foreign business executives are starting to fly to the UK more frequently, increasing the demand for car hire on their arrival."

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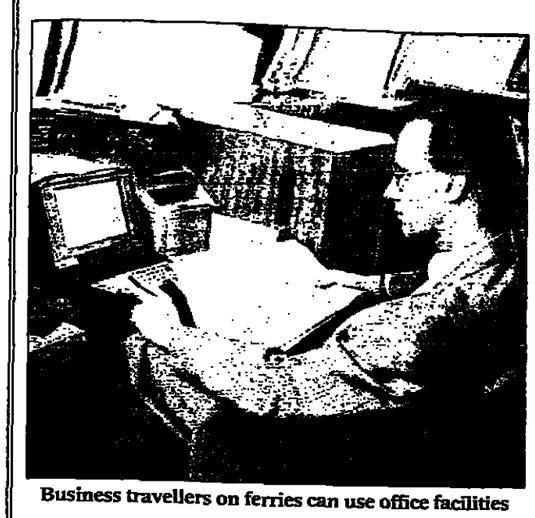
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The cross-Channel ferries have upgraded their executive facilities

Recently, the Guild of Business Travel Agents signed a three-year agreement, naming P&O as its preferred carrier for business travellers.

Stena Sealink also caters superbly for the businessman and offers a complete service from dedicated business class lounges and conference facilities on board to a full on-shore conference planning service on the Continent.

One of its ships, the Stena Britannica, which sails from Harwich to the Hook of Holland, offers a 230-seat auditorium, 16 fully equipped smaller conference rooms and a delegates' lounge. Business class cabins offer extra features which include wine, mineral water and fruit.

In spite of the possible threat posed by the Channel tunnel, the Sally Line has refused to be intimidated and will from January double its English Channel capacity with the introduction of the ultra-modern Prins Filip.

Sailing between Ramsgate and Ostend, the jumbo ferry will offer an ultra-modern conference area with full facilities for on-board business meetings. The conference area is equipped with the latest audio-visual aids and is designed for both small and large groups. The Prins Filip has 120 private cabins, each with shower and lavatory.

Hoverspeed, which operates Hovercraft and SeaCat services, is the cheetah in the pack and is concentrating on turning its huge advantage in speed to attract the busy business travellers.

Hoverspeed is reducing check-in times to ten minutes and will be able to provide a motorway to motorway link of 45 minutes, 15 minutes quicker than Le Shuttle, which will take cars through the tunnel.

The company is upgrading its Blue Riband élite service, which offers priority check-in, reserved seats, special offers and complimentary drinks for frequent travellers.

TIM JONES



Comfortable ferry lounges provide a haven of peace

A plane man's guide to jets

How does a traveller tell which aircraft gives the best value for money? **Arthur Reed** reports





This fuel-efficient Canadair Challenger business jet, operated by Thai Airways, is sleek outside and well-appointed inside for the business traveller

Seen through the windows of the departure lounge, the latest generation of airliners bear a bewildering resemblance to each other. The American Boeing B737 looks like the European Airbus. A320; the Boeing 767 like the A300, and the Boeing 777 like the A330.

So how is the business traveller to know which aircraft to choose to buy the most comfortable ride and obtain best value for money from the company's tight travel budget?

The truth is, there is little to choose among the products from Western aerospace factories for standards of reliability and safety. All have the latest in automatic landing equipment, enabling them to touch down in the thickest weather. All have some man-made carbon fibres in their construction, and all are powered by jet engines which need much less maintenance than before.

Having ordered their airliner type, airline marketing executives spend countless hours in meetings over exactly how many centimetres there will be fore and aft between seats, how big the overhead baggage lockers will be, how many galleys and toilets will be installed, what audio/video system will be selected, and where the telephones/fax machines will be sited.

The airline's engineers then tell the marketers that their decisions are not technically feasible, and the inevitable compromise which emerges is either loved or hated by the business passenger.

Cabin layouts, as with cabin service, good timekeeping, and flight frequency, are important influences on frequent travellers' choice of carrier, but in the final event it is a matter of personal preference.

Frequent flyers are able to identify their favourite place in the aircraft; seats next to cabin bulkheads, or alongside exit doors, which usually offer extra legroom, being in demand. But there is no guarantee that the carriers will play fair. The fleets of many of the big airlines contain airliners of the same type with totally different internal layouts, so that row 23 on the last flight, which offered similar comfort to first-class, mysteriously on the next journey turns into something in which only very small children would feel at home.

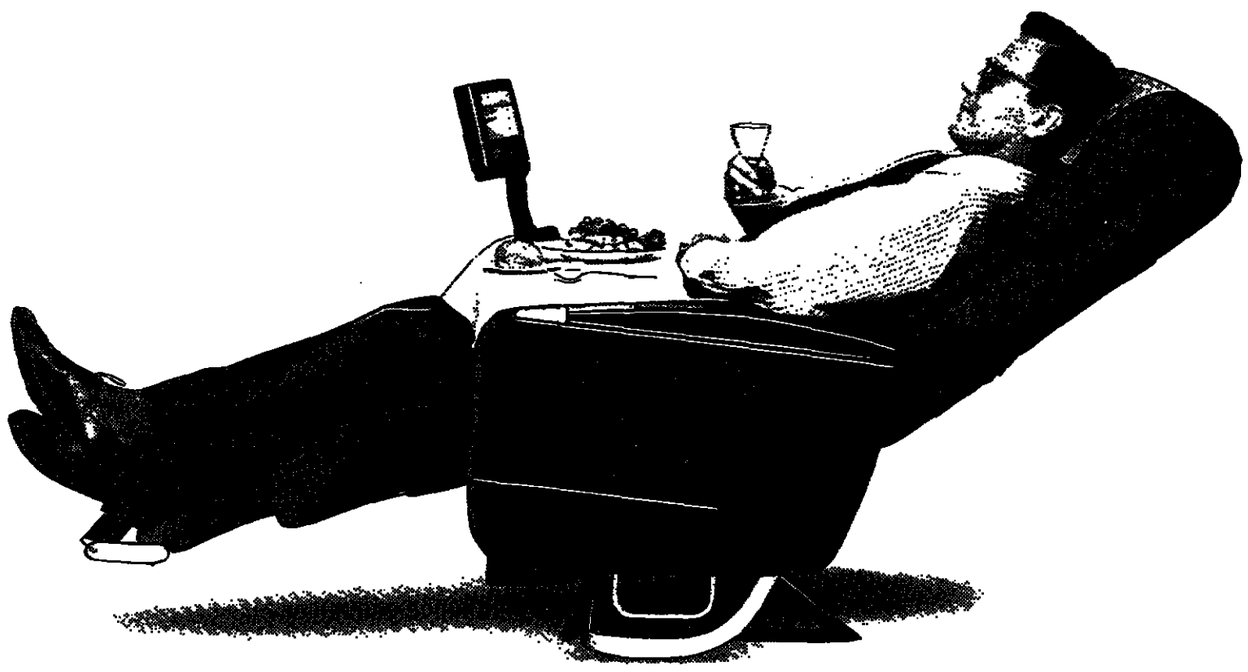
Regional airliners — the 50-seat turbo-props or jet aircraft which link the smaller cities, and which ferry passengers into hub airports for transfer to the big jets — are today as technologically advanced as their big brothers. With a few exceptions, the noisy propeller-powered planes and the handed-down first-generation jets have gone to the breaker's yard.

Again, there is little to choose in the areas of safety and reliability between the aircraft types — the Dutch Fokker 50, the French/Italian ATR 42, the Swedish SAAB 340, the British Jetstream and the Canadian Bombardier RJ. Because of their smaller size, the scope for the operators to make one interior more attractive than the next is limited. However, all try to give their cabins something of the ambience of the big jets, so that the culture shock to the business person transferring from mainline to regional should not be too great.

Other methods of airliner travel are supersonic commuting by Concorde and business aviation. Concorde, which has traded a London-New York journey time of only 3.5 hours for cramped accommodation and high fares, has been in service almost 18 years. It is operated by Air France and British Airways and it will be the early years of the next century, at least, before it is likely to be succeeded by the 300-seat supersonic aircraft, tentatively named Alliance.

Business aviation embraces a variety of aircraft types, from the two-seater flown by the amateur pilot/businessman to former airliners converted into flying boardrooms. In between is a wide range of specialist jets — some of them cramped puddle-jumpers, others with room and intercontinental range. A plan for an American/Russian supersonic business jet has been put on ice for now.

The advantages of owning or hiring a business aircraft are well known — chief among them security and freedom from airline timetables. But unless a company intends to send a fairly large party of employees on the same itinerary, it is unlikely to save on airline fares, and this sector of the aviation industry has been having a tough time recently as recession-hit companies have looked for ways of reducing their travel budgets.



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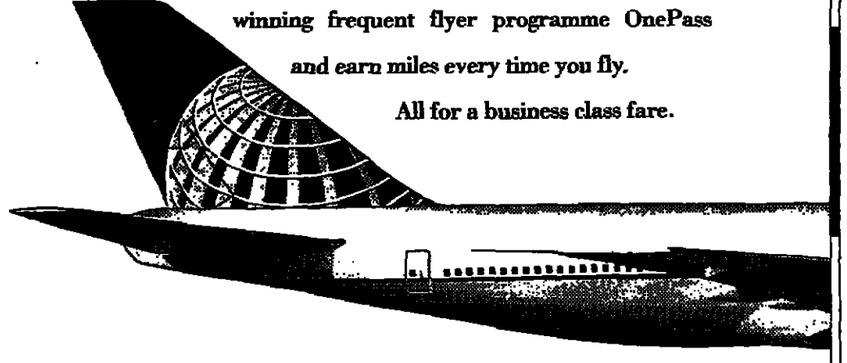
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Few people think of looking to local, small airports for a scheduled flight, **David Hewson** says

Mighty minnows

Love Air, Lakeside North West, Suckling Airways, and Yorkshire European are never likely to be battling with the likes of British Airways and American Airlines for slots into Heathrow. Tiny, flexible and committed to small regional airports, they are the new breed of British airline, providing niche services which are time-saving alternatives to the services of the aviation giants.

This has been the year of the flying minnow. From January any carrier with an Air Operator's Certificate — official approval that the organisation has enough operating capital and can maintain the correct safety standards — can start a new route between any two points in Europe without seeking prior permission from the aviation authorities. If the air traffic slots are available, the service can fly.

Some of the new airlines operate aircraft more normally associated with air taxi services, such as Love Air which runs schedules between Stansted and Biggin Hill and the northern France resort of Le Touquet using an eight-seat Piper Chieftain turboprop. Others, such as Yorkshire European, operate larger aircraft, such as the 18-seat Bandeirante, on complex, highly flexible domestic routes covering airports such as Southampton, Belfast, Teesside, Leeds and Aberdeen.

A typical new carrier is ATS Vulcan, which began air taxi work in 1965 and started scheduled operations using Chieftains flying from Southampton to Caen, Cherbourg and Dinard earlier this year. Most of Vulcan's passengers are business travellers looking to save time travelling to a part of France that is poorly served by the larger carriers. The schedules have attracted regular passengers from London, since Southampton is only an hour by train from Waterloo, and the flight to Caen takes only 40 minutes. Unlike a big carrier, Vulcan can simply cancel a flight schedule if none of its seats has been filled. The airline's marketing agent, Terry Stacey, says the company is cautious about its plans for growth. During next summer it hopes to increase the present two services a day to three, and will look at new flights to Rennes and a small airfield near Paris.

Like most of the new small scheduled carriers, Vulcan is firmly targeted at business traffic, with relatively high fares. The economics of running small aircraft do not allow for mass discounts. The standard return fare with Vulcan to Cherbourg is £176, while Caen and Dinard cost £198; APEX fares for the routes, which need to be booked two weeks in advance, are £111 and £133 respectively.

> One of the biggest problems is a marketing one: letting people know they exist

One of the biggest problems facing the new carriers is a simple marketing one: letting people know they exist. Few people think of looking to their local, small airport for a scheduled flight. Those who do are often pleasantly surprised. Parking is cheap, or even free, and the journey is often much more friendly and personal than one on a larger jet aircraft. It is a good idea to be a reasonably good flyer, however. Small schedules are as safe as large ones, but the planes are slower and often noisier and passengers frequently have a very good view of everything that is happening, including the landing.

The birth of the smaller operators has also created a new central reservations service aimed at making their services better known to travel agents and the public. Flight Representation, based at Southampton, handles a variety of services, from ticket reservations to marketing for a range of operators, including Vulcan, Lakeside North West, which operates out of Carlisle, Blackpool and Stansted, and small foreign operators such as Air Ukraine.

Almost all the new, smaller carriers are wary of great ambitions and the cost of moving up to the next tier of middle range commuter aircraft from manufacturers such as Short, Fokker and Saab, which entail a substantially higher level of operating expense.

One of the few genuine medium size independents left is Jersey European Airways, which also claims to be the UK's fastest-expanding regional airline. Passenger traffic will rise to nearly one million people this year, up from 640,000 last year, and the company has just introduced a new simplified low fare structure on flights into Belfast City from Gatwick, Luton and Birmingham. Only three fares apply to the routes — £39, £69 and £89 one-way, depending on restrictions. JEA expects to carry nearly 500,000 passengers on the routes over the next year.

Other independent names such as Dan-Air, Air Europe and British Caledonian are now part of aviation history. Most of their counterparts have either become partly owned by larger carriers or simply swallowed whole. However, if the schedules are right, Britain's flying minnows can offer an excellent alternative service.

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A Jersey European Airways flight off to Gatwick

Happiness means beans on toast

Hotel chains are providing home-from-home touches to please clients

Microwave ovens are the most important feature executive guests want to see in hotel rooms of the future, according to a survey carried out by Hyatt hotels in Britain.

Frequent travellers, surprisingly, said their ideal evening was to "cook beans on toast in their rooms and be zonked out in front of the television". Plush hotel restaurants were for entertainment rather than individual use.

Hyatt also found that business travellers said they were spending more time in their rooms, either working or relaxing, during overseas trips. The highest accolade they could give a hotel, therefore, was it felt "just like being at home". The survey also found that most travellers rated "being waited on hand and foot" as the best thing about staying in a hotel.

"Clearly the business traveller of the future has a mixture of needs," says John Wallis, Hyatt International's vice-president for marketing.

Moreover, according to the Hyatt survey, phoning home was considered to be the most disliked part of travel. Businessmen with children said overseas trips were an "escape from the responsibilities of family life" and phoning home jolted them back to reality.

Hoteliers, faced with such a confusion of demands, will probably ignore them and continue trying to turn a hotel bedroom into an extension of the office. No self-respecting business hotel aimed at the senior manager is now without dual-line telephones in its rooms, with appropriate sockets for personal computers and fax machines available on demand. Some hotels now even have dedicated phone lines that regular guests can keep for successive visits.

Such facilities are becoming so standard that hotels have now started to emulate the airline frequent flyer schemes by launching or upgrading their own loyalty programmes. Next month, for example, Holiday Inns — the world's biggest hotel chain, now owned by British brewers, Bass — will launch its Priority Club in Europe. This scheme, already operating in America, will give guests the chance to earn airline mileage points as well as other benefits, such as upgraded rooms.

Other groups offering various incentives are the Mount Charlotte Thistle, the UK's second largest hotel group; Choice hotels and the Meridien hotel group.

The aim of such loyalty schemes is to encourage regular travellers to stick with a particular hotel, whichever city they are in. Relatively few companies, according to research carried out by the University of Surrey on behalf of Thomas Cook Travel Management, actually stipulate which hotel an executive should stay in, only the price range covered.

The Inter-Continental hotel group has also launched a promotion to woo more travellers. It is offering executives — who make up 75 per cent of its guests — several options either to reduce costs or to add value to their trip.

The need for UK hoteliers to woo business travellers was shown by a report into the European hotel industry from hotel consultants Horwarth Consulting. The survey of nine European countries found that British hotels were among the most efficient — but were still struggling to increase occupancy levels. Only Portugal had lower hotel occupancy levels last year.

DAVID CHURCHILL

A sizzling service

How InterCity brings home the bacon at 100mph

Some years ago, when pubs in North Wales were open for only six days a week, operators of one of the little trains which puff through the principality were delighted when locals began using the service on a Sunday.

The new customers, however, were not rediscovering their heritage: they were literally only there for the beer. For, by some strange quirk of law, drinks could be served on board and so the train wound its way like a wet snake through a parched Bible Belt.

Using the same principle of giving the customer what he wants, InterCity has now become a first choice for thousands of business men and women who find it better to let the train take the strain.

While people eulogise the high speed trains of France or Japan, InterCity runs more trains on conventional track in excess of 100mph than any other country in Europe. This fact alone makes it a serious alternative to road journeys.

With the government determined, against the wishes of many of its managers, to break it up and distribute it between franchise holders, InterCity has demonstrated that it is no lame duck.

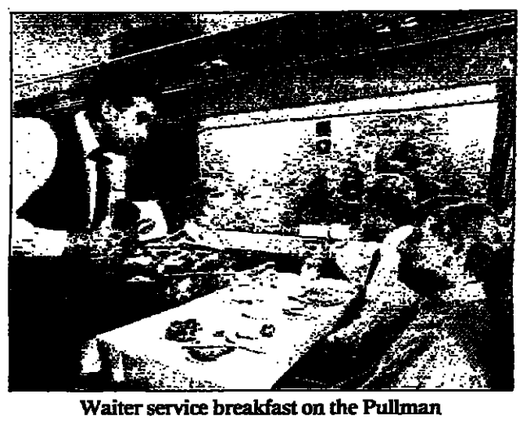
Although InterCity receives no subsidy, it consistently runs at an operating surplus which, for 1992-3, amounted to £65 million in spite of the recession. Clearly, the network is doing something right and the old jokes about British Rail tea and sandwiches are becoming worn at the edges.

Food is, in fact, one excellent reason for opting for rail travel. A meal *en route* can save valuable time. With the exception of re-heated take-away bar food, all main meals are cooked on board. Partly because of the recession, dinner sales are decreasing with more businessmen resisting the temptation of such dishes as baked fillet of salmon with mushrooms and herbs.

However, demand for the great BR breakfast remains strong. On one journey 90 eggs will be cracked, scores of bacon rashers and 11lb of mushrooms fried and eight loaves of bread toasted and up to 30 gallons of coffee served. Kippers are grilled to order. On some routes, old-fashioned afternoon teas have been re-introduced, complete with fruit cake and triangular, crust-free sandwiches.

None of this would matter a row of beans unless the service delivers its prime function, to get the customer to his destination on time and in comfort. In September, it ran 99.5 per cent of its trains at a punctuality of 91 per cent.

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Steve Keenan reports on how a state-of-the-art combined ticket and boarding pass will speed up boarding times

Tickets meet their Waterloo

From June, Eurostar trains will start running from Waterloo to Paris and Brussels, through the Channel tunnel. All customers will be issued with an ATB2.

The ATB2 is the state-of-the-art, ticke.-cum-boarding pass, similar in size to the flimsy airline tickets with a red carbon backing. But it carries a magnetic data-carrying strip that can be scanned by a machine at check-in.

The ATB2 will drastically reduce boarding times for trains, boats and planes, and business travellers will be the main beneficiaries. At Waterloo, they will "swipe" their ticket through an electronic reader and can board the train within ten minutes of departure. Passport checks will be made on board.

The combined ticket is already in use by P&O European Ferries at all UK ports and British Airways at Heathrow and Birmingham. So far, no company has been able to issue an ATB2 at a business travel agency. This has inhibited progress towards a full introduction of a combined pass which is commonplace in domestic American travel.

One reason for the delay has been in deciding what hardware to use in installing printers within agencies. Another hitch has been the discussions about who will pay for the £4,000 printers.

"The streamlining of the check-in process will bring some real benefits to air travellers — especially frequent business passengers," Don Lunn, chairman of the Guild of Business Travel Agents, says.

"But the predominant beneficiaries will be the airlines, and airline economies are only going to be realised when there is a way of getting these new combined tickets and boarding passes into the customers' hands. We are the distribution arm of the airlines and if they decide to change the type of ticket they use, it is an expense they have to pay for."

The catalyst for a breakthrough, however, could be Eurostar. The British Rail subsidiary which is operating Eurostar, EPS, hopes to have more than 200 ATB2 printers installed at business travel agencies by the time the service starts operating next June.

It will start testing with BR tickets from December 15 in Mr Lunn's agency, Ayscough Travel in London. Talks are under way to fund installation of the other printers by EPS.

The company then expects the airlines and ferry companies to start issuing ATB2 tickets using the same printers, and will look to recover some of its investment outlay. All sides are talking.

The savings for airlines will be huge, with industry estimates of a 50-minute reduction in turning round a Jumbo 747 for departure, giving obvious cost savings on a large scale.

It will make check-in less staff-intensive and quicker. Peter Stanton, senior manager of ATBs at BA, says: "It will speed the process up considerably, and we are looking at a minimum 12 per cent improvement in check-in time. The customer will go to an express check-in, where the machine does the bulk of the work.

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"It will require only two or three computer keystrokes and he can check-in within 20 seconds. We are a year away from that. Within five years, we are working towards 70 per cent of tickets issued for check-in at Heathrow being ATB2 tickets."

BA already issues ATB tickets from its own reservations offices. It also issues ATB2 tickets at Heathrow terminals one and four, while its Birmingham Eurohub terminal is also fully geared to their introduction.

A worldwide airline programme has also seen machines capable of reading the tickets introduced at 17 airports this year, with a further 21 planned for 1994.

Meanwhile, P&O European Ferries has installed ATB2 readers at all its ports in readiness for the opening of the tunnel. This summer, it cut check-in times to 20 minutes and P&O is now looking at second-stage technology.

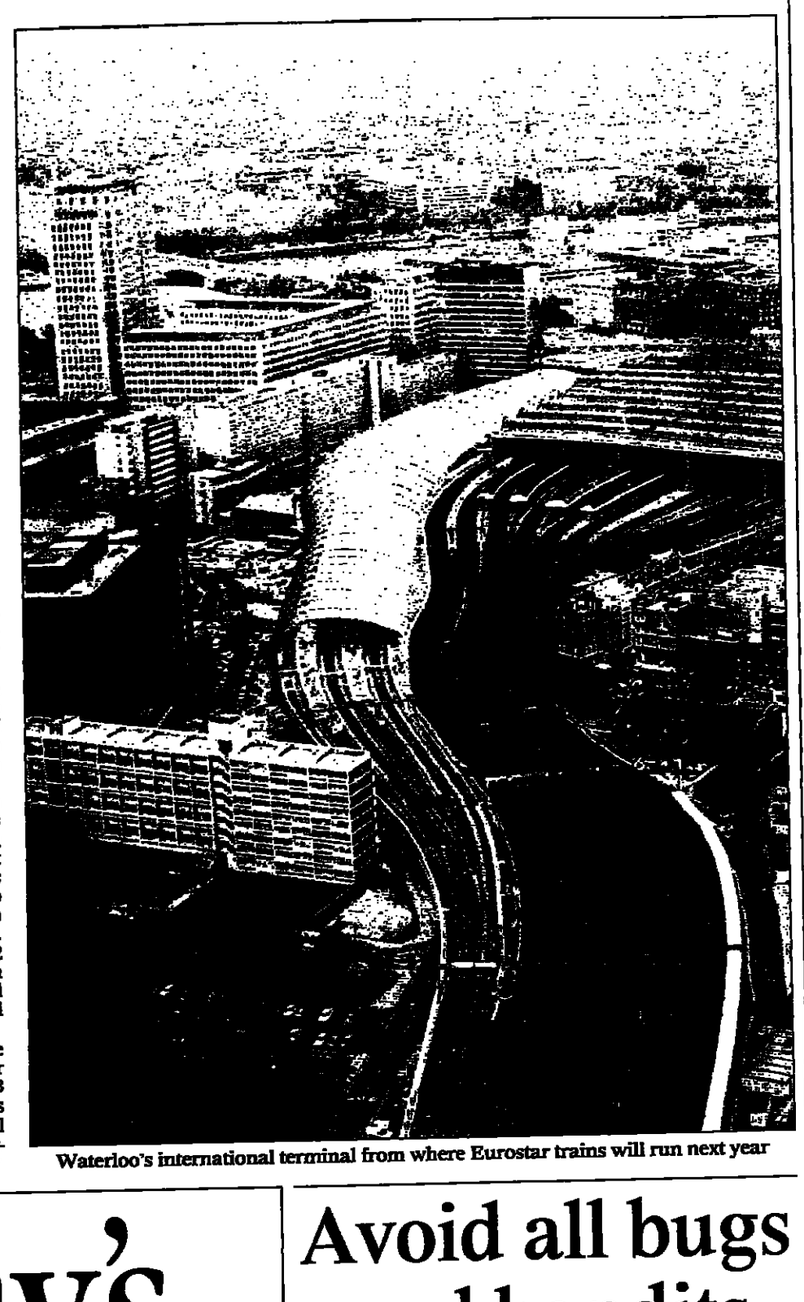
"We had to have ATB tickets to match the speed of the Channel tunnel," Brian Langford, the sales and marketing director, says.

"The second phase is fast-loading, which entails a high-definition camera reading a barcode on the windscreen. It is already operational in Calais and we are waiting for the results before we go to Dover and other ports in the UK.

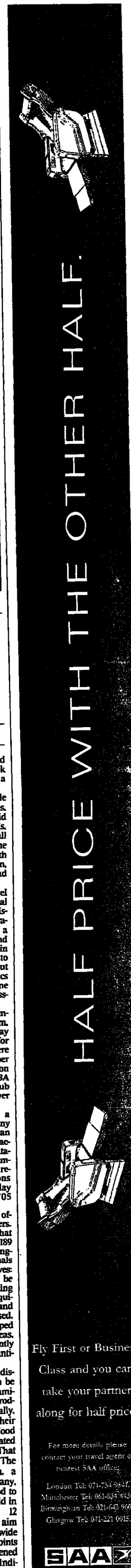
"We would like to reduce check-in times. Our target is to knock another five minutes off the present 20-minute check-in and have it down to ten minutes eventually."

In the UK, the introduction of ATB2 printers in agencies will coincide with talks among airlines, ferries and BR about a common format. The ferries and train services may wish to include accommodation on tickets, the airlines may not. So two or more forms of ATB2 tickets could emerge — even more if car rental or hotel vouchers were to be printed the same way.

But, says Mr Stanton: "We have been talking to other transport modes about ATB and clearly it is in our interests to stick to one format to deal with the travel agency network. I believe it is possible."



Waterloo's international terminal from where Eurostar trains will run next year



Avoid all bugs and bandits

Try not to be an innocent abroad. Do your homework before you go

Outbreaks of plague in Mongolia; endemic malaria in rural Vietnam; cholera in Mexico City; and widespread diphtheria in Russia. These and other pieces of current information are available at the touch of a button in your home — if your television set can receive Ceefax, on BBC2, and Teletext, from independent television.

From Ceefax page 464 onwards, country by country, there is the good news — "hostilities have ceased, all is now calm" — and the bad — "British nationals are advised not to travel to . . .". The information, from the Foreign Office, gives an overview of problems. More advice is available from the Foreign Office's consular travel unit (071-270 4129), from 9.30am to 4pm, Monday to Friday.

Teletext on ITV (Health, page 295) gives precautionary advice and details mandatory requirements for vaccinations, inoculations and malaria prophylaxis, in an alphabetical list of countries.

Prestel (page 50,063) carries a daily update of information contained in the free government booklet *Health Advice for Travellers* (booklet T4), available from the Health Literature Line (0800 555 777). That contains an application for form E111, the entitlement to free or reduced-cost emergency medical treatment in EC states.

Since May, Medical Advisory Services for Travellers Abroad (Masta) has run a travellers' health line (0891 224 100) which provides written health briefs for the price of the telephone call — 36p per minute cheap rate, 48p per minute at all other times. Callers should be ready to give details of countries being visited, dates and expected living conditions (five-star hotel, rural village, etc).

The health brief, posted first class, includes mandatory and recommended immunisations, appropriate anti-malaria tablets, prevalent seasonal diseases and how to combat them, and the latest health news from the countries concerned, plus Foreign Office advice on travel risks.

Masta will also post more detailed health briefs at fees ranging from £10 for a standard brief to £32.50 for a personalised briefing for specific destinations.

Basic hygiene, sensible culinary precautions and covering up against the mosquito and the sun are the mainstays of a healthy traveller, whether on business or pleasure. When it comes to food and drink, the maxim "boil it, cook it, peel it or forget it", is a useful rule of thumb.

Prophylaxis is available against a host of diseases, from polio, tetanus, typhoid and hepatitis, to encephalitis, tuberculosis and rabies — all endemic in some parts of the world. Occupational health services offer immunisation, as do family doctors and health clinics.

British Airways Travel Clinics, which give personal callers advice and immunisation, are a franchise operation run by Bamsta, a company set up by Masta and BA. Bamsta has 38 clinics in Britain, from Aberdeen to Plymouth, and treats about 160,000 people a year. Clinics are detailed, with telephone numbers, on a recorded message (071-831 5333).

The clinics run a companies' central billing system, so employees need not pay individually for vaccines. There is also a 25 per cent discount on vaccines for BA Executive Club gold and silver card-holders.



The mosquito: small but deadly

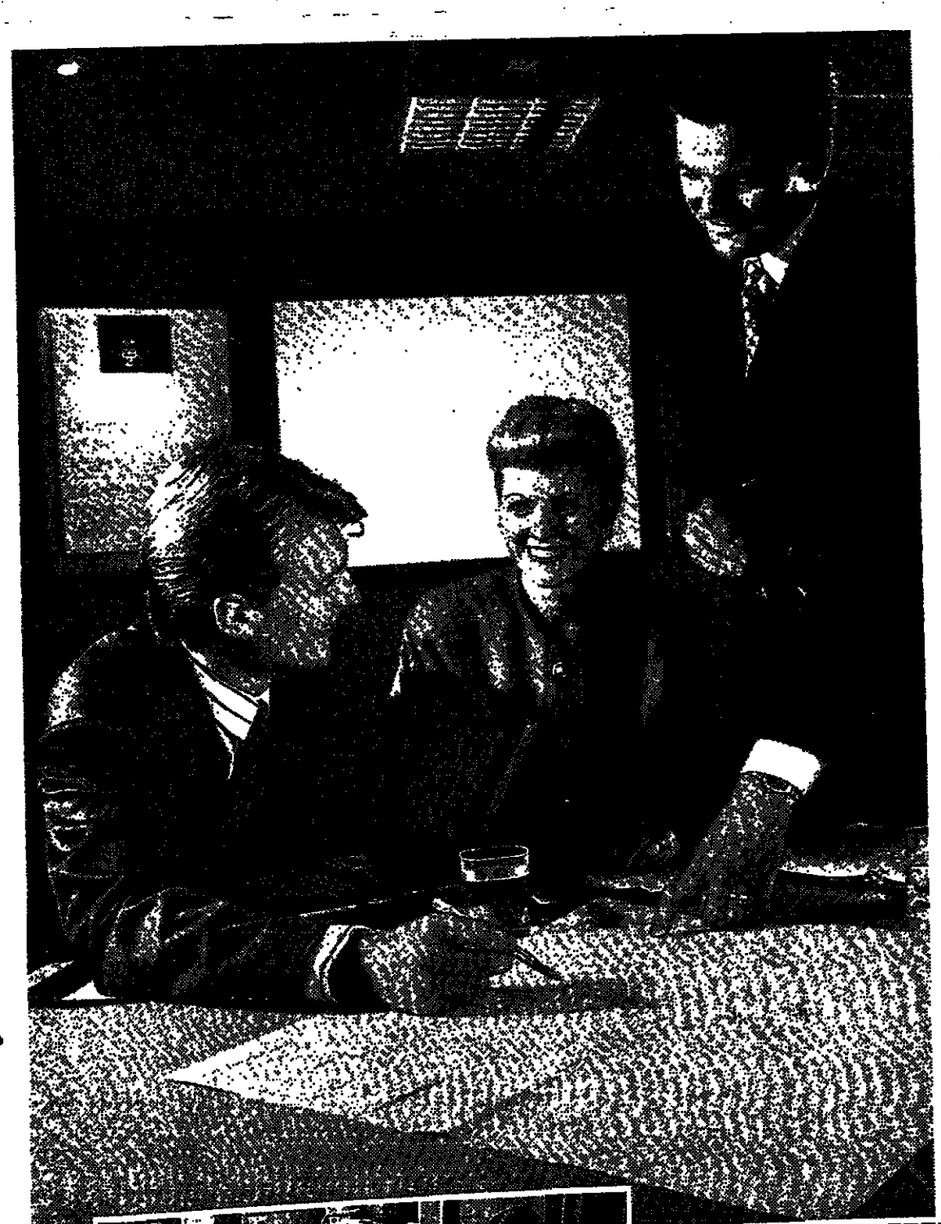
For £895 a year, company subscribers can have on-line access to its database of immunisation recommendations 24 hours a day (details: 0705 553933).

Malaria is often under-rated by travellers. Yet official figures show that last year nine deaths and 1,189 cases were notified in England and Wales. Individuals can help to protect themselves: arms and legs should be covered, especially morning and evening when mosquitoes bite most: repellents and mosquito nets should be used. As the parasite has developed drug resistance in some areas, medical advice is constantly updated on appropriate anti-malaria tablets to take.

Many life-threatening diseases, including Aids, can be contracted through contaminated blood or blood products. For £35 annually, individuals can register their blood group under the Blood Care Programme, operated through Bamsta clinics. That courier service, run by The Blood Care Foundation, a charitable limited company, aims to get screened blood to you anywhere in the world in an emergency, within 12 hours. The foundation's aim is to establish a worldwide network of 600 supply points in areas where fully screened blood is not available. Individuals must register through Bamsta clinics.

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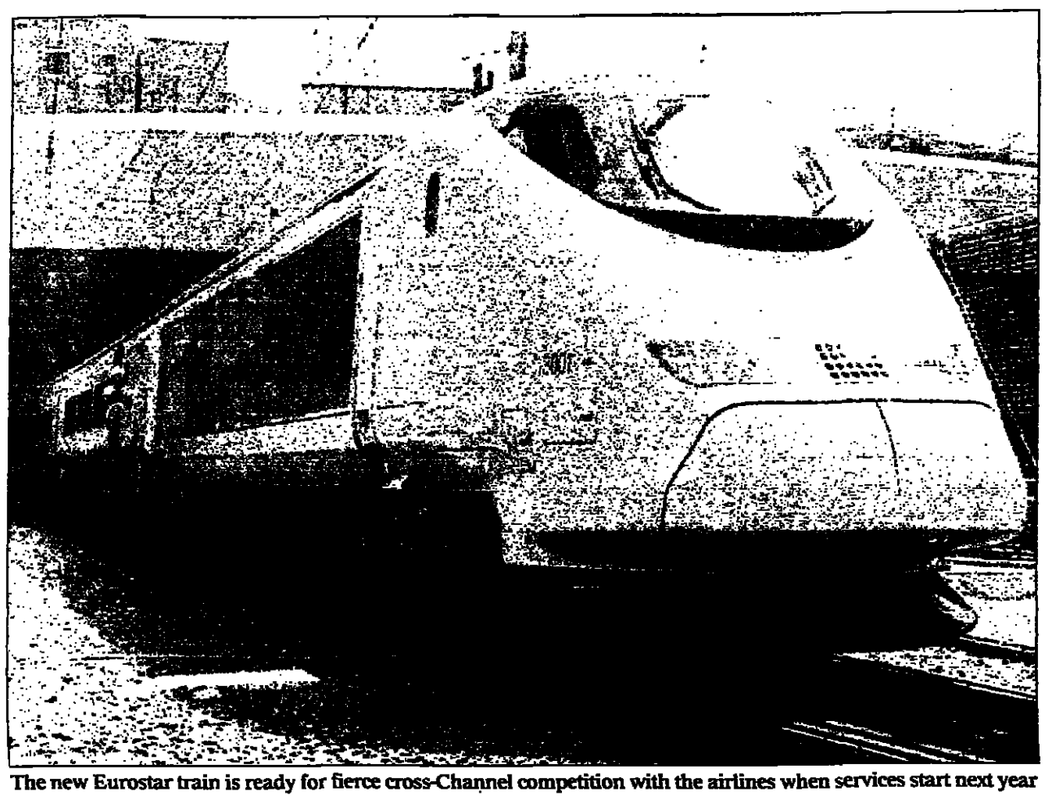
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Train or plane to take strain?

Steve Keenan predicts that a battle for passengers is about to begin



The new Eurostar train is ready for fierce cross-Channel competition with the airlines when services start next year

The Eurostar train boarding at London Waterloo from next June for Paris and Brussels will be pulling 16 passenger coaches.

Those carriages will carry 210 seats in first class, 584 in second. There will be an hourly service for most of the day, and every 30 minutes in peak: the equivalent of two jumbo jets leaving Waterloo up to every half hour, bound for the two biggest business destinations on the Continent.

It is a staggering addition in capacity to routes on which airlines are already struggling to break even. However, it is hard to resist the argument from Eurostar — three hours, station-to-station from central London to Paris Gare du Nord, or an extra 15 minutes to the Gare Midi in Brussels.

European Passenger Services (EPS), the British Rail subsidiary jointly operating Eurostar with the French and Belgian railway companies, is confident. While it expects only 18 per cent of its customers to be on business, EPS also expects them to contribute 40 per cent of revenue. EPS also expects to win 40 per cent of its customers from the airlines.

Thus, this is virtually a straight battle between Eurostar and the airlines, with the airlines also fighting among themselves. Little high-revenue business traffic will travel by ferry or le Shuttle. But the airlines are not, as P&O European Ferries claimed, ready to roll over and die.

They flew three million passengers between London and Paris last year, 1.7 million between London and Brussels. The Paris route is the busiest international route in the world. They are flagship routes for Air France, Sabena, British Midland and British Airways, and it is inconceivable these airlines would be driven off the routes.

Furious number-crunching has been going on to counter Eurostar's claims. "People do not usually live in the vicinity of main railway stations," Jean-Michel Masson, the general manager for Air France, UK, says. "Often it will be quicker to reach one of the four London airports serving Paris than Waterloo. It is estimated that door-to-door travel using the train takes five hours, compared to using the plane which takes four hours."

His argument is endorsed by Etienne De Nil, the general manager for Sabena, UK, who points out the proposed Paddington-Heathrow link would halve transfer times to 15 minutes. "Add that 15 minutes to a reduced check-in of, say, 30 minutes, a flight time of 45 minutes and another 20 minutes to transfer to Brussels and you can see why we prefer to see what happens before being rushed into any moves."

While airline fare yields are low on the trunk routes, an important hidden value is business passengers connecting to other cities. About 40 per cent of the 1.12 million passengers Air France carried between London and Paris in 1992 travelled onwards or connected to another airline — custom Air France believes it will retain.

The airline also carried 405,000 passengers from London to French provincial airports. "This traffic will also be less affected by the new tunnel link, especially to those cities which are not linked to the TGV," M Masson says. He also points out that only 50 per cent of UK passengers fly from south-east airports. "Regional flights may make more sense than getting to London by train and transferring to Eurostar."

While airlines work towards improved check-ins and look towards better rail and road links to airports, BA will also be the biggest user of a £20 million Flight Connections Centre due to open at Heathrow next October. The centre will handle all transfers in one terminal, with Concorde, first and business class traffic having their own Fast Track.

Sabena, meanwhile, is offering season tickets to business and economy travellers. For £799, business class passengers buy a month of unlimited travel between Heathrow-Brussels and Antwerp and between London City-Brussels. British Midland also has a business class £799 pass to four destinations.

Eurostar has yet to reveal its pricing, with fares due out in January. Eurostar, initially at least, will be hoping to woo traffic on the basis of speed and service.

However, where all sides agree, is that Eurostar and le Shuttle will increase the market. Eurostar predicts UK sales of seven million single journeys by 1996, which by that time will include services from provincial cities in addition to day and night departures.

The question is how the airlines will hold on to their custom in the initial period. Perhaps a price war is inevitable. But for any business traveller who has suffered the M4 and the Charles de Gaulle taxi rank, Eurostar must be a serious alternative.

Moving technology

Advances in communications keeps the busy traveller in business

Technology has transformed the communications world of the modern business traveller. Little more than two decades ago, expensive dedicated telex machines were the lingua franca of international commerce, country-to-country direct dial telephone services were rare and the traveller on the road could be isolated from his office for days, even in parts of western Europe.

Today, satellite communications, notebook computers and a growing web of mobile phone networks help to keep travellers in touch, wherever they are.

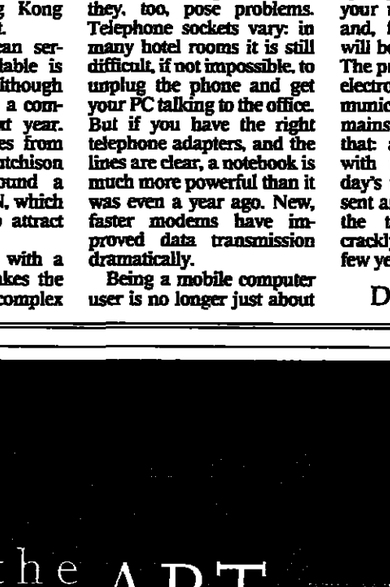
Phone services, be they conventional or mobile, are at the heart of most of new communications technology and present a bewildering array of options. As BT's recent price cut demonstrated, even current services and tariffs are likely to change at short notice, and the marketplace is becoming even more confusing with the appearance of digital systems.

If you need European coverage from your telephone, the choice is made for you. Only digital services will spread into Europe, first through a standard known as GSM. At the moment, GSM covers most of the United Kingdom and parts of France, Germany, Denmark, Ireland, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Austria, Italy, Greece and Portugal. Holland is due to join the system next year, and GSM networks are also planned in Australia, Hong Kong and the Middle East.

The only European service presently available is from Vodafone, although Cellnet is to launch a competing network next year. Rival digital services from Mercury and Hutchison will be based around a standard called PCN, which has been slower to attract interest.

Going European with a mobile telephone takes the traveller into a complex realm of charges and variable tariffs. Making a call from a European Vodafone account will cost you the normal charge of the local service operator, plus a 35 per cent surcharge by Vodafone, all converted into sterling.

You will also have to pay the foreign element of all incoming calls while you are abroad, since the company does not want people calling you to be landed with unexpectedly high phone bills. Sample peak rate charges quoted by Vodafone suggest that a one-minute call from France to the UK by a British subscriber will cost about £1.25.



Compaq's Concerto computer keeps the traveller in touch with the office

Notebook computers are becoming almost as ubiquitous among business travellers as mobile phones, and they, too, pose problems. Telephone sockets vary: in many hotel rooms it is still difficult, if not impossible, to unplug the phone and get your PC talking to the office. But if you have the right telephone adapters, and the lines are clear, a notebook is much more powerful than it was even a year ago. New, faster modems have improved data transmission dramatically.

Being a mobile computer user is no longer just about being able to send or receive data: you can now log on to your office network and work just as if you were at your desk. Office network software is also becoming much more adept at handling people on the move. Packages such as Lotus Notes will allow you to plug your notebook into the room phone and then instruct it to dial into your office network, picking up messages and despatching any you have written. Overnight, it even runs an automatic electronic mail service.

The best notebooks are expensive, with high-performance colour machines costing as much as £4,000. All will need a modem to link them to a telephone line.

The emerging standard for notebooks is known as PCMCIA, in which external PC devices such as modems or network cards are reduced to credit card size and slotted directly into the computer. A good PCMCIA fax modem will cost up to £500, but prices are falling.

The first thing you will want to do with your new notebook is plug it into your mobile phone, of course, though this may not be easy. Digital phones do not yet work with data transmissions of the kind used by computers and fax machines, although a few of the newer analogue phones do have data sockets.

If you need data on the move, you will have to specify this when you buy your notebook and phone, and, for the moment, you will be restricted to the UK. The promise of a worldwide electronic personal communications network remains, for the moment, just that: a promise. But even with their limitations, today's travelling tools represent an enormous leap over the telex machines and crackly telephone lines of a few years ago.

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